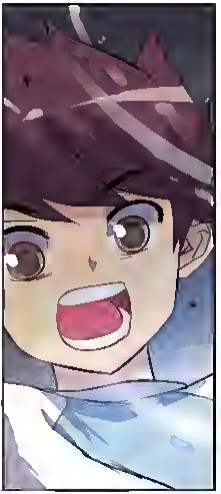
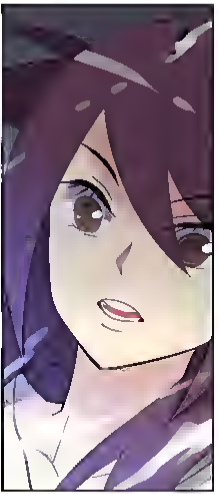
SOUL
CARTEL
16

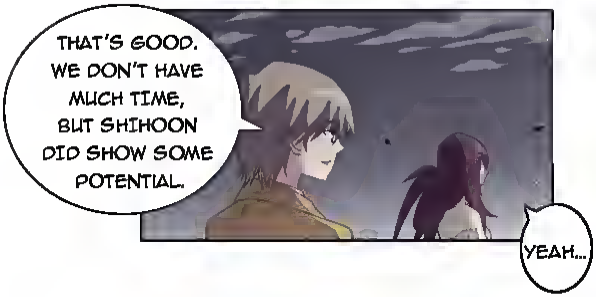
PANG!

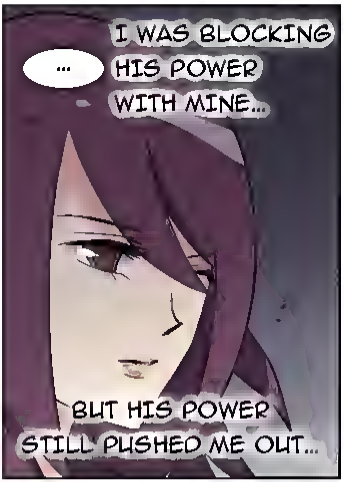


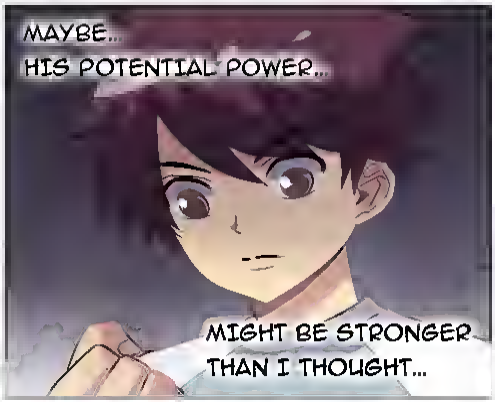


...!!
SHOOOOSH
GEEZ...
THAT WAS SCARY...
WHOOSH

A...ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
I'M FINE.
THUD
THUD
NOW DO YOU SEE WHAT "RELEASE" FEELS LIKE?
YES. I THINK I'M GETTING THE IDEA A BIT.
OK. YOU MUST REMEMBER THAT FEELING.
SOOIN, DID YOU GET HURT?
SSH
UH? WELL,
MY HAND IS A LITTLE NUMB, BUT IT'S OK.


THAT'S GOOD. WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME, BUT SHIHOON DID SHOW SOME POTENTIAL.
YEAH...

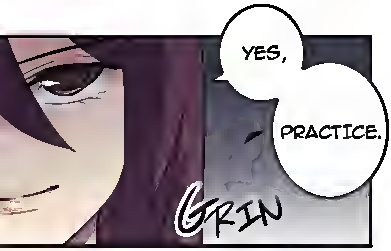

...
I WAS BLOCKING HIS POWER WITH MINE...
BUT HIS POWER STILL PUSHED ME OUT...

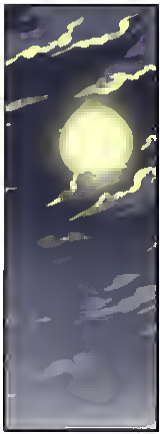

MAYBE...
HIS POTENTIAL POWER..
MIGHT BE STRONGER
THAN I THOUGHT...

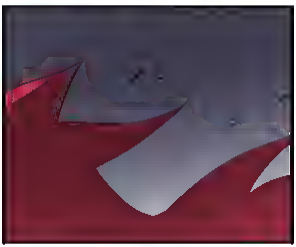
SHIHOON, CLASS ISN'T OVER YET.
HUH?

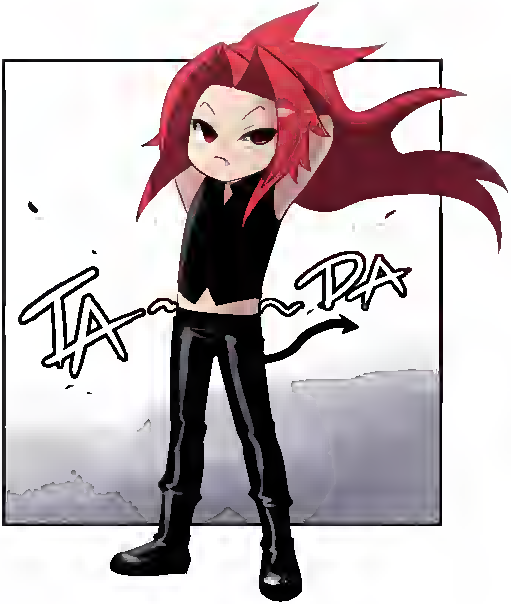
SINCE YOU LEARNED THE SKILL...
YOU NEED TO PRACTICE IT...

PRACTICE...?


YES,
PRACTICE.
GRIN

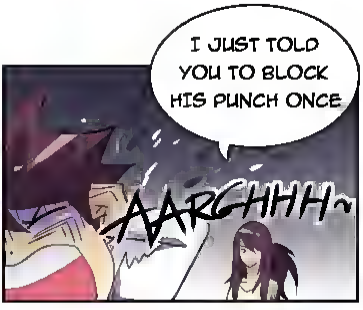





TA~~~DA

AHHHHH!!

PRACTICE WITH HIM?!!
FIGHTING WITH MEPHISTO?! ARE YOU CRAZY?!!
I DIDN'T SAY YOU NEED TO FIGHT.


I JUST TOLD YOU TO BLOCK HIS PUNCH ONCE
AARGHHH~

HEY, EXORCIST.
IF I THROW A PUNCH AT HIM, HE COULD DIE. IS THAT OKAY?
I WON'T BE GENTLE.

THAT'S
WHAT I WANT.

IF HE WANTS
TO GO TO THE
AFTERLIFE WORLD...
HE NEEDS TO PROVE
WHAT HE CAN DO.
IF HE CAN'T
MANAGE
THIS MUCH,
HE'LL ONLY GET
IN THE WAY.

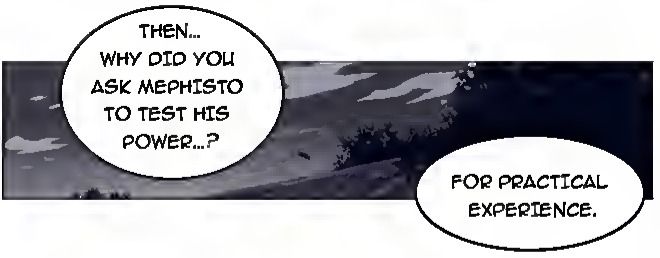
IF YOU TRULY WISH TO GO THERE...
YOU HAVE TO PROVE YOUR WILL BY YOURSELF.

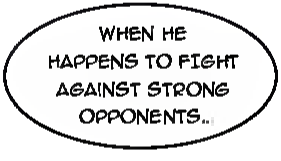
OK!
THEN, I'LL THROW A NICE PUNCH!
MWAHHHA~
SWING
SWING
YOU DON'T HAVE TO USE THAT MUCH STRENGTH~!!

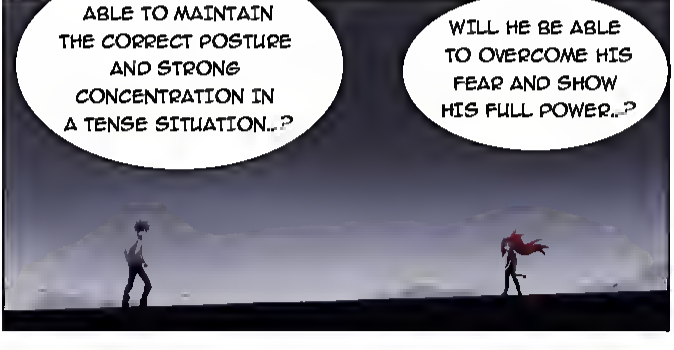
SOOIN, IS THAT FINE WITH YOU?
SHIHOON MIGHT NOT KNOW HOW TO USE HIS POWER YET...
EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON HOW FAST HE REALIZES HOW MUCH POWER HE HOLDS.

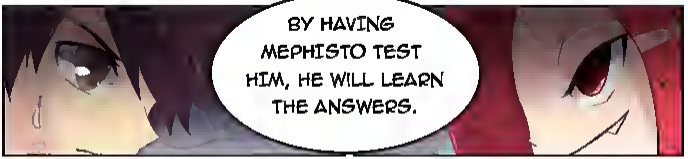
EVEN IF I DIDN'T HELP HIM...
HE WOULD HAVE DONE THE 1ST "RELEASE" ON HIS OWN.
?!
YOU MEAN SHIHOON CAN USE HIS POWER, HIMSELF?
SINCE HE WAS A KID, HE HAS BEEN TRAINING EVERY DAY...
EVERYTHING WAS FOR THE FIRING STEP.

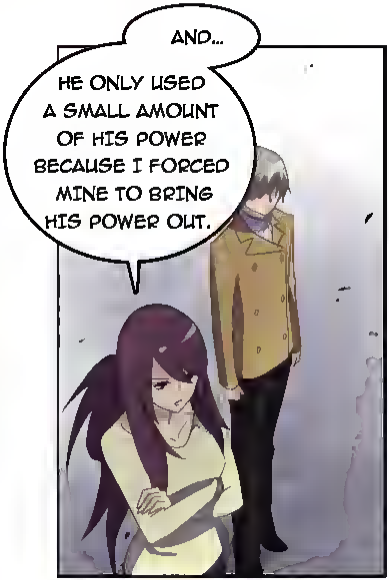
HE HAS TRAINED BY HIMSELF... SO HE HAS BETTER SKILLS IN FIRING THAN I DO.
BUT HE COULDN'T USE HIS POWER BECAUSE OUR MOM PLACED A PROTECTION TALISMAN INSIDE HIS BODY.
THE TALISMAN SUCCEEDED IN PROTECTING HIM, BUT...
ON THE OTHER HAND, IT ALSO BLOCKED HIS POWER FROM GETTING OUT.


THEN... WHY DID YOU ASK MEPHISTO TO TEST HIS POWER...?
FOR PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE.


WHEN HE HAPPENS TO FIGHT AGAINST STRONG OPPONENTS..


WILL HE BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE CORRECT POSTURE AND STRONG CONCENTRATION IN A TENSE SITUATION..?
WILL HE BE ABLE TO OVERCOME HIS FEAR AND SHOW HIS FULL POWER..?


BY HAVING MEPHISTO TEST HIM, HE WILL LEARN THE ANSWERS.


AND...
HE ONLY USED A SMALL AMOUNT OF HIS POWER BECAUSE I FORCED MINE TO BRING HIS POWER OUT.

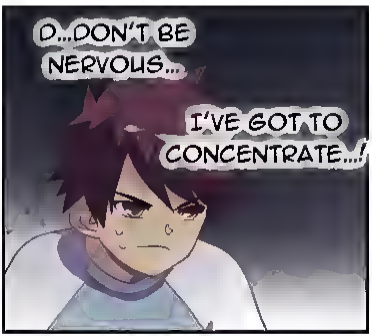
THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO MAKE HIM USE HIS POWER HIMSELF.
HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN PULL OUT ALL OF HIS POWER.
.....

...I SEE.
I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN.

I AGREE THAT SHIHOON NEEDS THAT TRAINING.
IT'S TOUGH... BUT SINCE WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME,
MEPHISTO IS THE PERFECT TOOL FOR OUR PURPOSE.

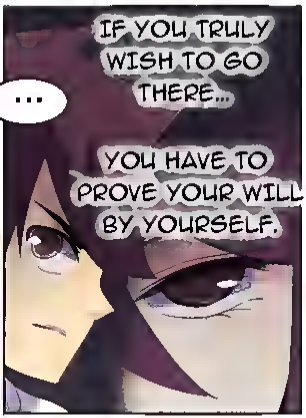
BUT ON THE OTHER HAND...
IT CAN ALSO BE A PROBLEM THAT MEPHISTO IS HIS ADVERSARY..
YES..

HSOOSH


D...DON'T BE NERVOUS...
I'VE GOT TO CONCENTRATE...!

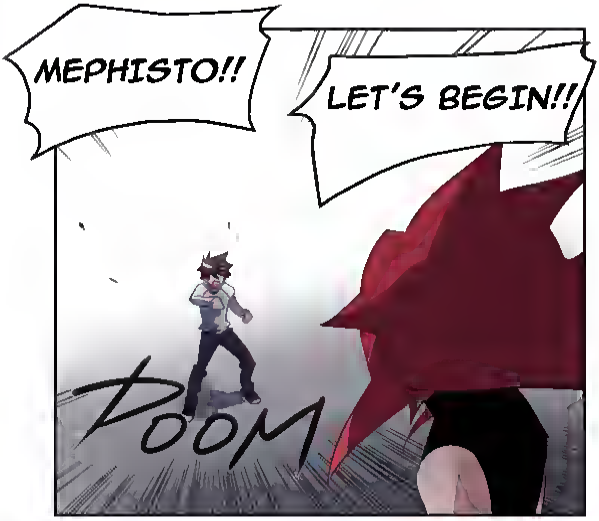
FSSS
FSSS
BANG
THUD
FSSS
ZZZIP
FSSS
UGH!! I CAN'T CONCENTRATE~!

THE FIRST TIME I RELEASED MY POWER WAS JUST NOW, WITH MY SISTER'S HELP...
I'VE NEVER DONE IT BY MYSELF!..


IF YOU TRULY WISH TO GO THERE...
...
YOU HAVE TO PROVE YOUR WILL BY YOURSELF.

OK!!
LET'S DO THIS!!
CLENCH

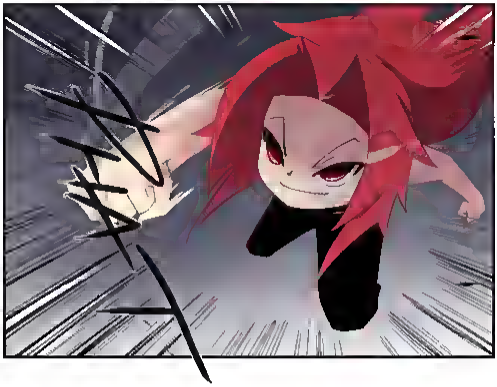
HEEEUP.


MEPHISTO!!
LET'S BEGIN!!
POOM

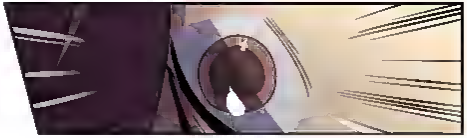
ARE YOU FINALLY READY?!
I WAS GETTING BORED FROM WAITING!!

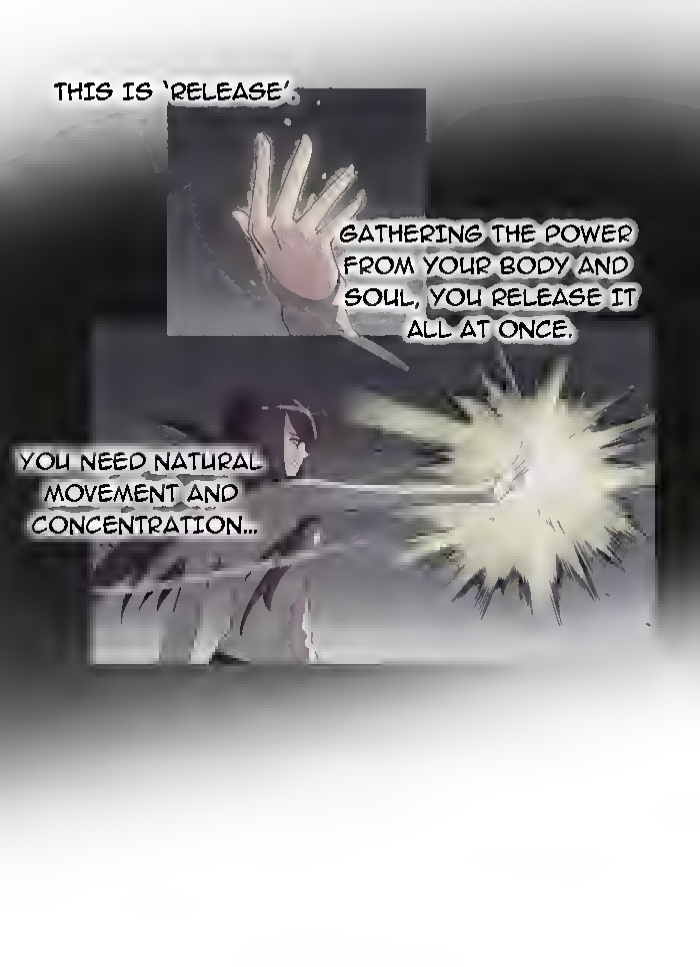
I'LL FINISH THIS IN ONE SHOT!!
GRAB

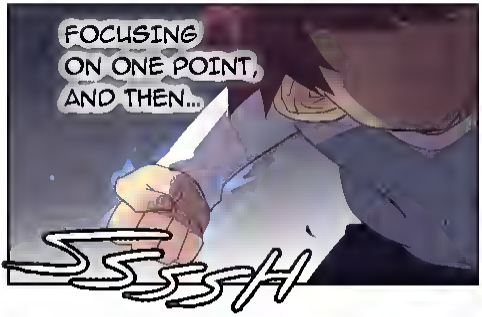
SSH...

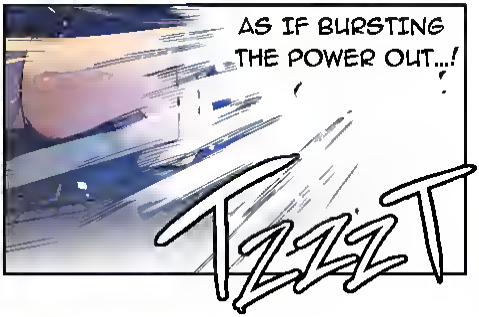

KA

HSOOOMS




THIS IS 'RELEASE'.
GATHERING THE POWER FROM YOUR BODY AND SOUL, YOU RELEASE IT ALL AT ONCE.
YOU NEED NATURAL MOVEMENT AND CONCENTRATION...

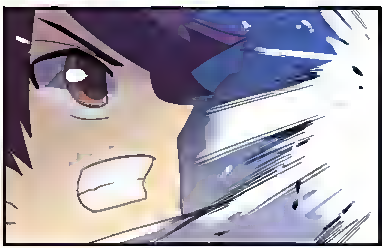

FOCUSING
ON ONE POINT,
AND THEN...
SSSSH


AS IF BURSTING
THE POWER OUT...!
TZZZT

RELEASE!!!
BANG
HEEEEUP!!
KROOOOAH

PSHOO
OOAH

?!



HUH?!
YOU'RE QUITE DIFFERENT FROM YESTERDAY!
BUT...

I HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED YET!!
KAAAAAH

SKRAAAASH

ARRGH?!!
KRAAAH

URGH...
I'M...
LOSING...!!

SWOOSH

SWISH

!!
GLANCE
HEY...!

HEY, DUDE! FAUST!!
SHIHOON!

I'LL HOLD MEPHISTO.
STRETCH OUT YOUR ARM AND MAINTAIN YOUR POSTURE!!
TAP

!!
TAP

SHIHOON!! IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT?!
YOUR POSTURE AND CONCENTRATION, BOTH SUCK!!

DID YOU FORGET EVERYTHING YOU'VE BEEN TRAINING FOR YOUR WHOLE LIFE?! CORRECT YOUR POSTURE AND FOCUS!!
I'VE GOT TO CONCENTRATE...
S
W
O
O
O
ALL MY POWER...
O
O
SH

KEEP CONCENTRATING...
WITHOUT GETTING DISTRACTED, AND RELEASE IT...

IN ONE SHOT...!!

RARGHH!!!
BOOM

SOUL CARTEL
To be continued

LINE Webtoon

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BANG

!!

SSSH

SSSH

HUFF
HUFF

WOW... LOOK, DID I JUST BLOW AWAY MEPHISTO...?!
DID I?
PITA PATA
SHIHOON!

SIS, FAUST!!
DID YOU SEE THAT? MY TECHNIQUE?!
PANT
PANT
WOW~ THAT WAS AWESOME!!
WHAT SHOULD WE CALL IT?
WOW~
WOW~
SUPER PUNCH?!
SPECIAL PUNCH?!
DROOP
...

LOOK HERE, YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING SPECIAL. BASIC MOVES DON'T REQUIRE NAMES!

IT'S UP TO ME!
PANT PANT

I DON'T THINK IT WAS AN ORDINARY MOVE...

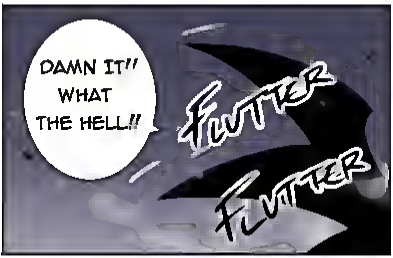
FAUST.
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE WHO COULD BLOW MEPHISTO AWAY
WITH THEIR PUNCHES.

ALSO...
THE POWER THAT SHIHOON JUST RELEASED...
IT LOOKED LIKE THE THIRD FIST CAME OUT...
THE THIRD...
FIST...?

THE THIRD... FIST...
YOU SAY...?

MY THIRD...
FIST...?
ALL RIGHT! FROM NOW ON THIS MOVE WILL BE CALLED "THE THIRD FIST"!!

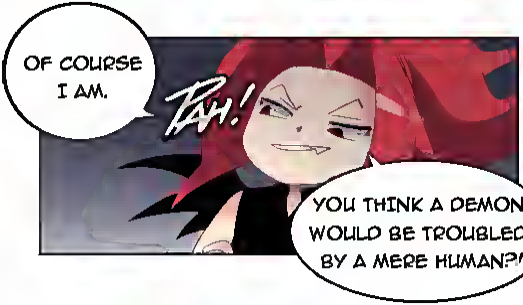
..IDIOT.
WHAT?!


DAMN IT!! WHAT THE HELL!!
FLUTTER
FLUTTER

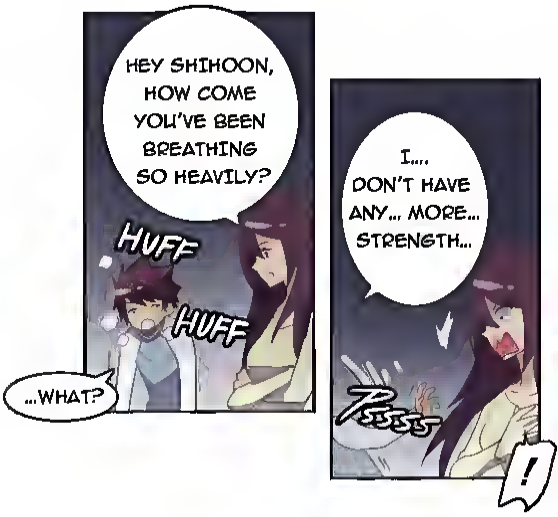
THESE BASTARDS...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

TRICKED ME AGAIN...

YOU BASTARDS! HOW CAN YOU TREAT A DEMON THIS WAY?!
I'M NOT DOING ANY MORE FAVORS!!
GNASH
GNASH
...OF COURSE HE'S ALRIGHT.


OF COURSE I AM.
PAH!
YOU THINK A DEMON WOULD BE TROUBLED BY A MERE HUMAN?!

THAT'S THAT. BUT SHIHOON,
HOW IS IT THAT I BLEW YOU AWAY WITH ONE FINGER LAST NIGHT, BUT TODAY YOU SHOW THIS IMMENSE POWER?
YOU HID YOUR POWERS?!
AHAHA...
NO... IT'S NOT LIKE THAT...

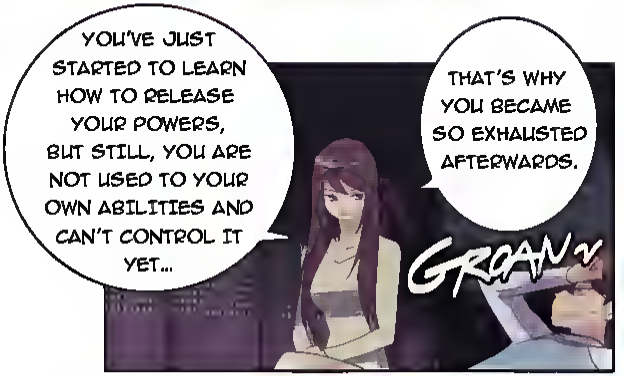

HEY SHIHOON, HOW COME YOU'VE BEEN BREATHING SO HEAVILY?
HUFF
HUFF
...WHAT?
I... DON'T HAVE ANY... MORE... STRENGTH...
RSSSS
!

FLOP!
SHIHOON?!

DROOP~

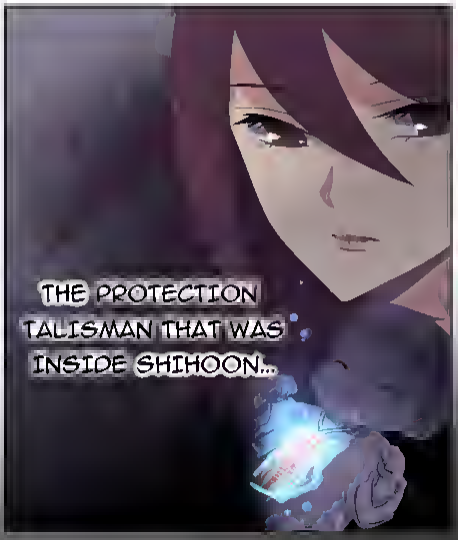
IT'S BECAUSE IT WAS YOUR FIRST TIME ..
SO UGH~
FLUTTER FLUTTER

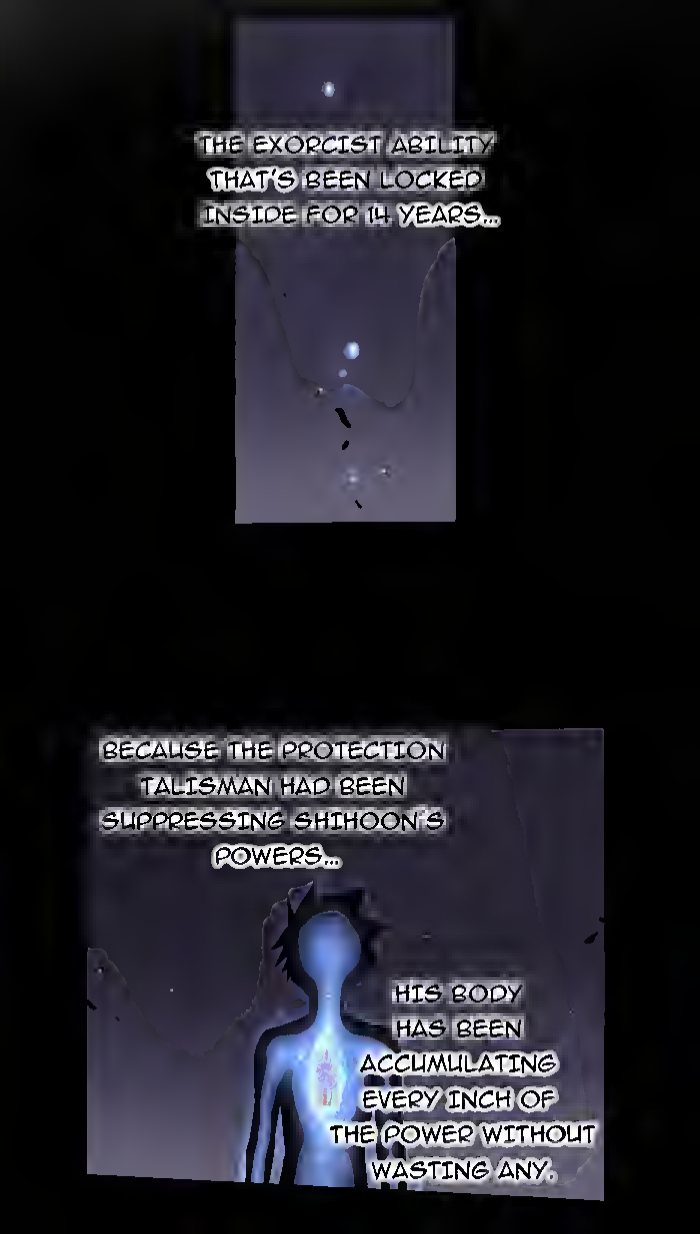
YOUR ABILITIES OF USING THE SKILLS... AND THE TECHNIQUE...
OOF...
EVERYTHING IS LACKING.

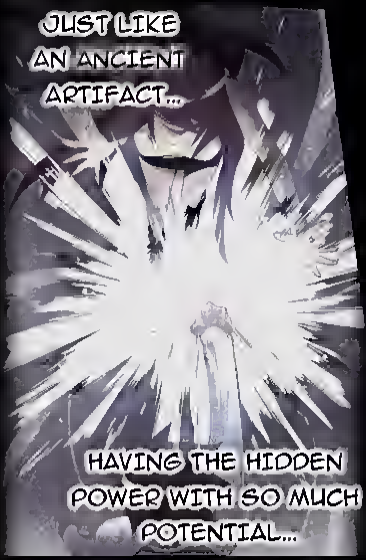

YOU'VE JUST STARTED TO LEARN HOW TO RELEASE YOUR POWERS, BUT STILL, YOU ARE NOT USED TO YOUR OWN ABILITIES AND CAN'T CONTROL IT YET...
THAT'S WHY YOU BECAME SO EXHAUSTED AFTERWARDS.
GROAN~

ONCE YOU USE YOUR POWERS, YOU'LL BE HARD TO EVEN MOVE FOR THE NEXT 3 MINUTES.
SO ONLY USE IT WHEN YOU MUST. UNDERSTAND?
...Y...YES.

MY GOSH
TO THINK THAT I CAN'T MOVE FOR 3 MINUTES FOR JUST ONE SKILL...!
GRUMBLE GRUMBLE
THERE'S SUCH A LONG WAY TO GO

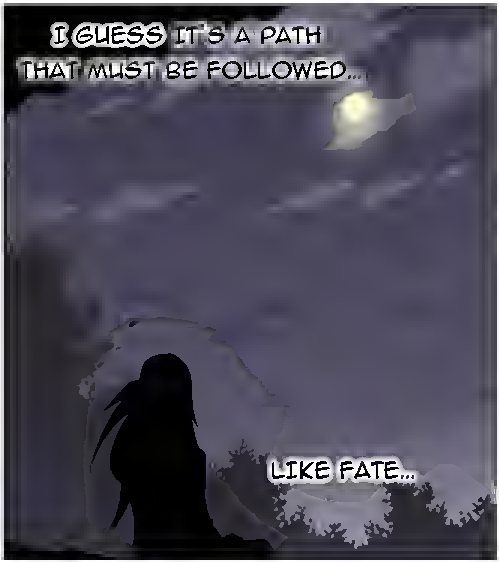

THE PROTECTION
TALISMAN THAT WAS
INSIDE SHIHOON...

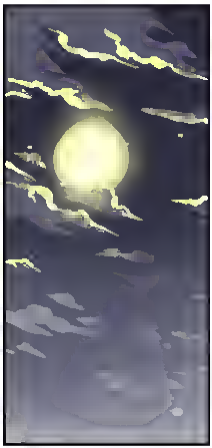

THE EXORCIST ABILITY THAT'S BEEN LOCKED INSIDE FOR 14 YEARS...
BECAUSE THE PROTECTION TALISMAN HAD BEEN SUPPRESSING SHIHOON'S POWERS...
HIS BODY HAS BEEN ACCUMULATING EVERY INCH OF THE POWER WITHOUT WASTING ANY.

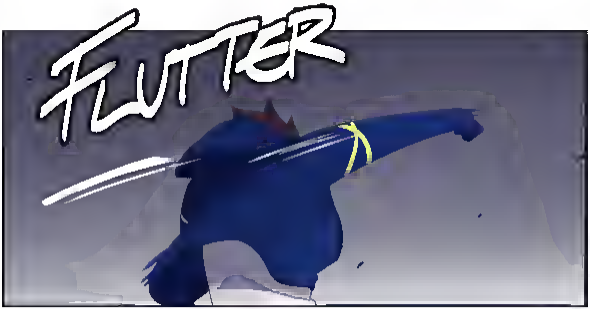

JUST LIKE
AN ANCIENT
ARTIFACT...
HAVING THE HIDDEN
POWER WITH SO MUCH
POTENTIAL...

NOW THAT THE POWER IS JUST UNLEASHED...
THE POWER IS...
ON PAR WITH A DEMON'S FIST...
JUST BY HAVING ALL HIS POWER ACCUMULATED IN HIS BODY... IT'S STILL NOT AN EASY TASK.
IT'S THE TALENT...

IS IT...
REALLY BECAUSE HE ALSO HAS THE BLOOD OF THE EXORCIST...?


I GUESS IT'S A PATH
THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED...
LIKE FATE...




FLUTTER

ZIP
SSH
ALL RIGHT.
STRETCH
I'M READY NOW.

FAUST AND MEPHISTO, ARE YOU GUYS READY TOO?
YES.
OF COURSE.
HOW ABOUT YOU, SIS..?.
TURN

TAP
I'M READY TOO.
SSH

WOW!
SIS, YOU LOOK SO COOL~!!
WOW~

...

SIS.
...I KNOW.

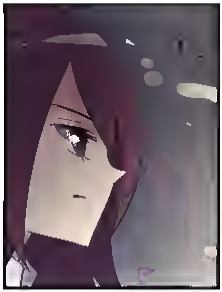
IT'S TIME.

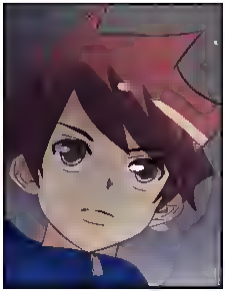
AH~! I DON'T WANT TO GO!!
I OPPOSE~!! I DENY~!!
No~ No~
AAAAAAH!! No!
YOU GUYS REALLY WANT TO PLAY WITH ME STILL?
FLINCH FLINCH

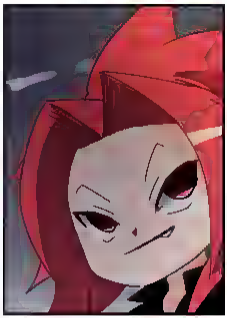
SIS, THINK ABOUT OUR PAST...
SHIHOON, TAKE THIS GUY EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO PUT HIM IN A BOX.
HEY, JUST GIVE IT UP.
I'LL SEND YOU OFF NICELY TO THE AFTERWORLD.
SQUISH
ARGH~
SQUISH
SSH

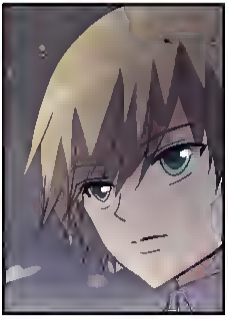
DEAD EXISTENCE...
THE LOST SOULS...
I'VE CREATED A NEW PATH FOR YOU TO FOLLOW..
IOOOOOM

FOLLOW THE LIGHT...
POSITION IN SPACE



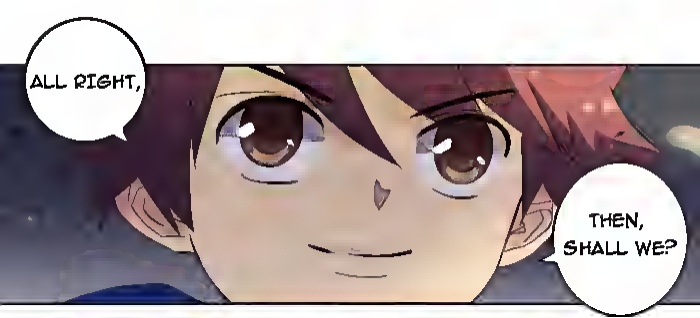






OH~ THAT'S IMPRESSIVE.
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU CAN DO THIS TYPE OF THING.
OF COURSE, SIS CAN DO EVERYTHING.

LOOKS LIKE WE CAN PEACEFULLY GO TO THE AFTERLIFE THANKS TO HER.


ALL RIGHT,
THEN, SHALL WE?

TO THE AFTERLIFE...

LINE Webtoon

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WOOSH

SWOOSH

OW, MY EYES!
THIS IS SOME INTENSE SUNLIGHT!

MEPHISTO, HOW IS IT?
IT'S TOO BRIGHT. IT'S PISSING ME OFF.
HOW ABOUT YOU, FAUST?
IT'S OKAY.

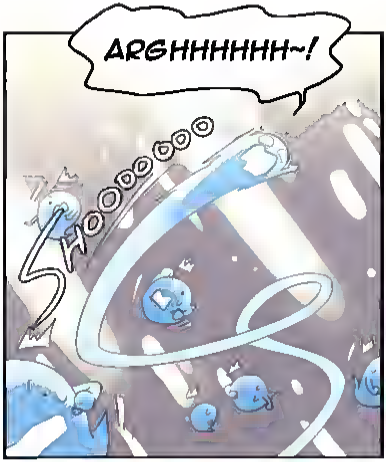
BIG SIS, WE ALMOST THERE YET?
..YES
WE'LL BE AT THE ENTRANCE SOON.

ALL RIGHT~!
HURRAY~!
FINALLY THE UNDERWORLD!!

OHH
WOAH~
WHAAA
WHAAAA~
AHHH
BUT.. WHY DO SOULS FLOAT AROUND LIKE THAT? ARE THEY OKAY?

SOULS DON'T HAVE A PHYSICAL BODY
SO THEY'RE REALLY LIGHT. THEY JUST GO WITH THE FLOW
ALSO...
SSH
IN ORDER TO MAIN MY "POSITION IN SPACE".. I HAVE TO CONCENTRATE SO CAN YOU NOT BOTHER ME TILL WE ARRIVE AT THE ENTRANCE?!
STOP TALKING TO ME!!

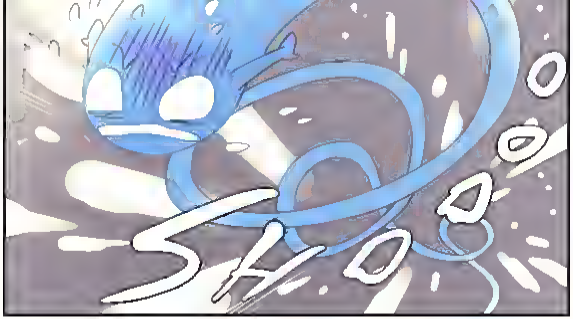
SHAKING
SCARY
SO...
SORRY..


ARGHHHHHH~!
SHOOOOOO

WHOAAAAA~!!
SHOOOWSH

SIGH,
WHY ARE THEY
SO EXCESSIVE?!
KYEAHHH~

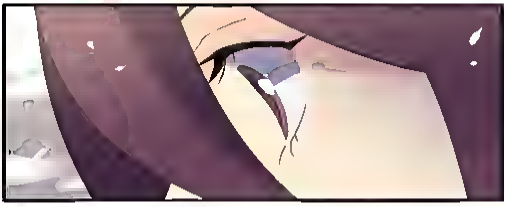
WOOOOOOOOOO!!
I FEEL
DIZZY~!!


SHOOO

KYEAHHHH

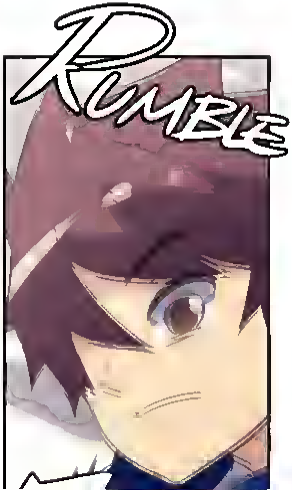
PONG

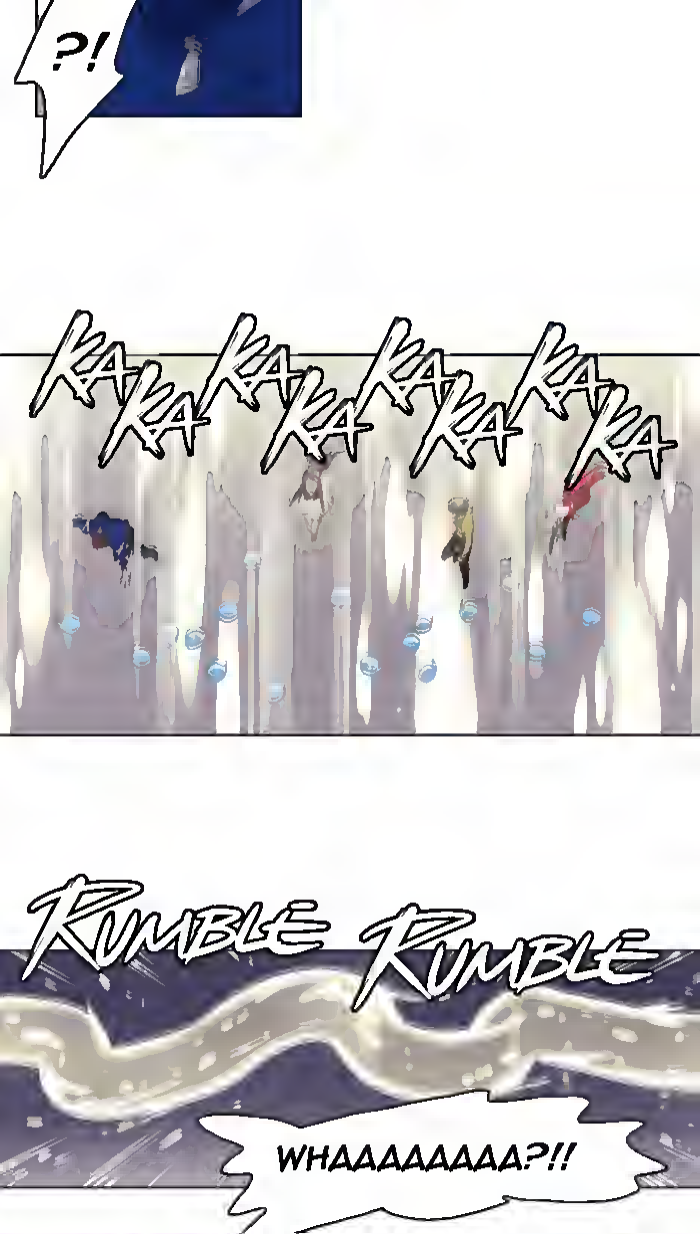
BOOP~!!



YOU PERVERT~!!
AREN'T YOU GOING TO GET OFF OF ME?!!
YOU, YOU SCOUNDREL!!!
HURRY AND GET OFF HER YOU RASCAL!!
SUDDEN GRAB

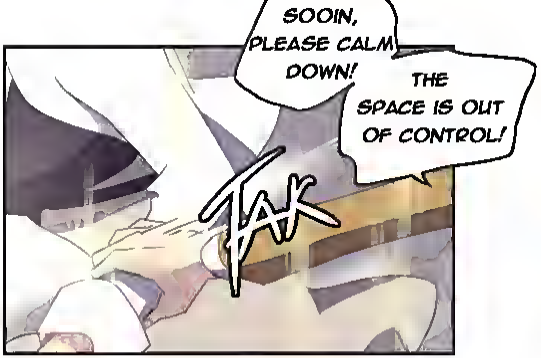
GO BACK TO WHERE YOU BELONG!!
SWISH
KYEAHHHH

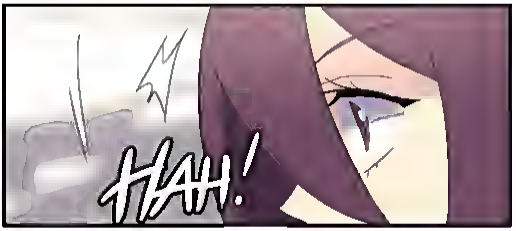

RUMBLE


?!
KA KA KA KA KA KA KA KA
RUMBLE RUMBLE
WHAAAAAAAA?!!

KA
KA
KA
KA
DA... DAMN...!
TSK TSK!
SWOO
SWOO
SWOO
SWOO

KOOOOOO
I'M GOING TO KILL THIS LITTLE...!!
SOO, SOOIN...!


SOOIN, PLEASE CALM DOWN!
THE SPACE IS OUT OF CONTROL!
TAK


HAH!

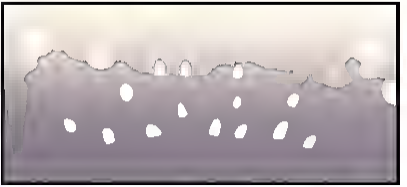
RIGHT, SORRY.
SHOOOO
PFFFT
PHEW-

IS EVERYONE ALL RIG...
!

PHAT!

...

...WHAT ABOUT SHIHOON?
I DON'T SEE MANY SOULS EITHER
SWISH



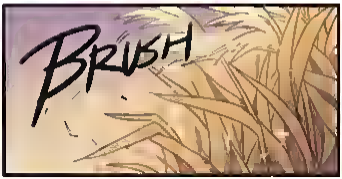
WOOSH

THUMP

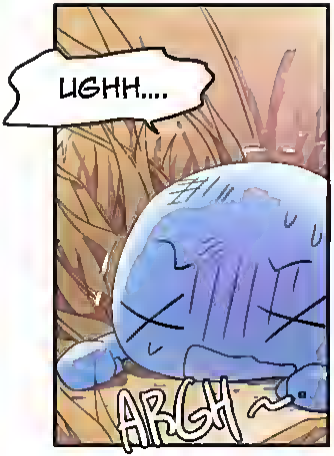
ARGH!!
UGH...
FIDGET
FIDGET
....MY HEAD HURTS.
GULP~

SWOOP
...!
THIS....IS THIS THE UNDERWORLD...?

DID WE GET SEPARATED NEAR THE ENTRANCE...?

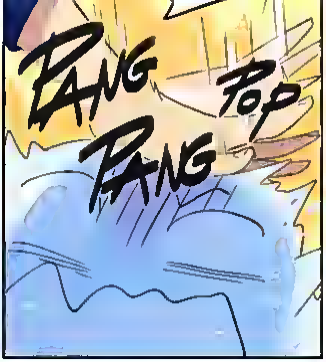

BRUSH

?


UGHH....
ARGH~

WAIT A MINUTE, ISN'T THIS THE PERVERT SOUL?
TSK!
HE MUST HAVE FALLEN DOWN AS WELL.
VHHH...

HEY!
HURRY AND GET UP!

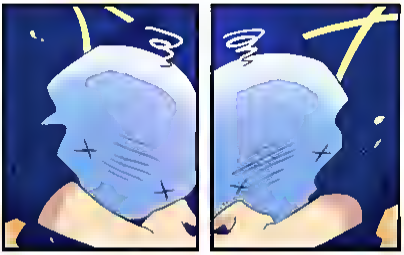

BANG
POP
BANG

UGHH...
I THOUGHT I WAS DYING ALL OVER AGAIN...
HECK HECK

BUT,
WHERE IS THIS...?

I DON'T KNOW. WE SHOULD BE NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO THE UNDERWORLD.
WE FELL DOWN HERE BECAUSE OF YOU.

HUH?
I THINK I SEE A COUPLE MORE GUYS?



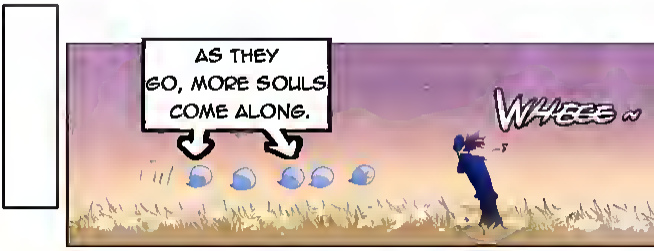
HMMM.
BUT AM I REALLY THE ONLY ONE WHO FELL?
ONLY THESE SOULS ARE SEPARATED

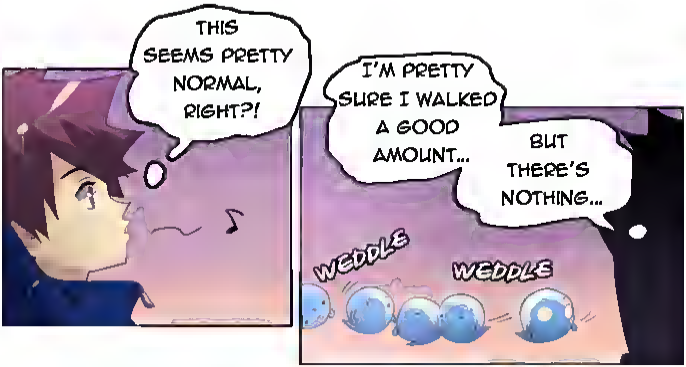
MM,
THIS IS..

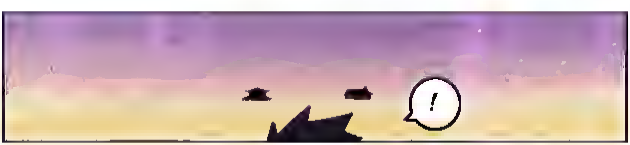
NICE!!
PUMP

WELL, IF I START MOVING, I'LL MEET THEM SOON ENOUGH
UNTIL THEN, IT'S MY ADVENTURE TIME!
HEHE HAHA

AH~
THAT'S WHY
WE'RE WORRIED...


AS THEY
GO, MORE SOULS
COME ALONG.
WHEEE ~


THIS SEEMS PRETTY NORMAL, RIGHT?!
I'M PRETTY SURE I WALKED A GOOD AMOUNT...
BUT THERE'S NOTHING...
WEDDLE
WEDDLE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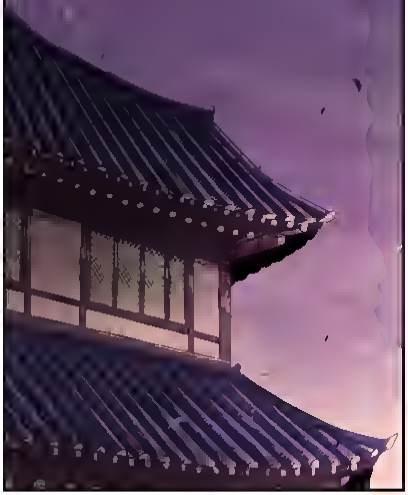
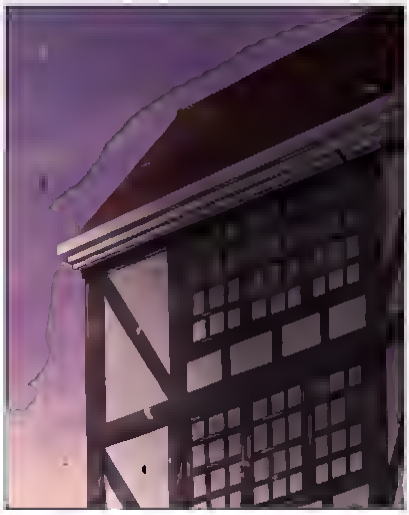
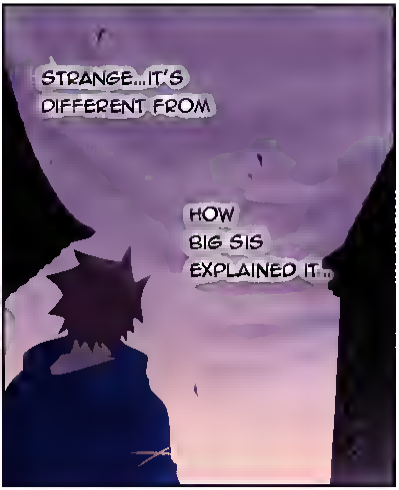
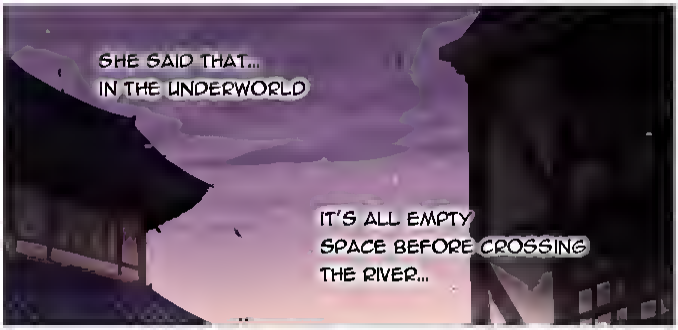
Wooooooosh





STEP
STEP
WHAT...
WHAT ARE THESE BUILDINGS...?


STRANGE...IT'S DIFFERENT FROM
HOW BIG SIS EXPLAINED IT...


SHE SAID THAT...
IN THE UNDERWORLD
IT'S ALL EMPTY
SPACE BEFORE CROSSING
THE RIVER...

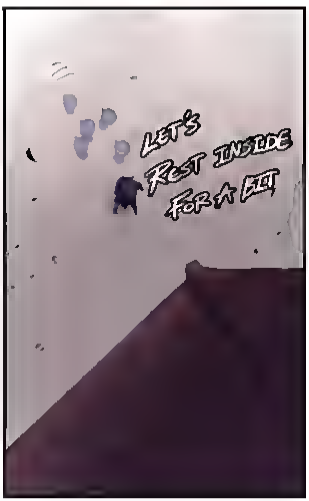
THE
ATMOSPHERE
SEEMS BLEAK...

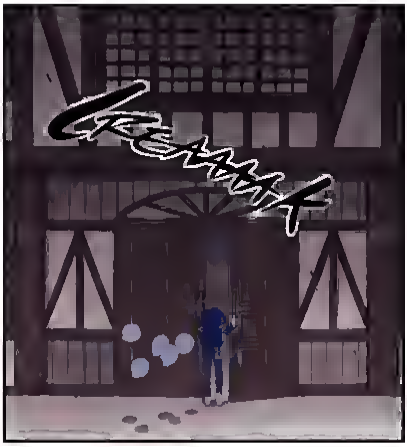
AREN'T YOU GOING?
WHAT? YE..YEAH, LET'S GO...

NOW THEN,
WHERE...
WHERE SHOULD WE GO...?

GOOD!
IT'S THIS WAY!
POINT

IS IT OKAY TO JUST WANDER AROUND LIKE THIS?
Go!
Go!


LET'S REST INSIDE FOR A BIT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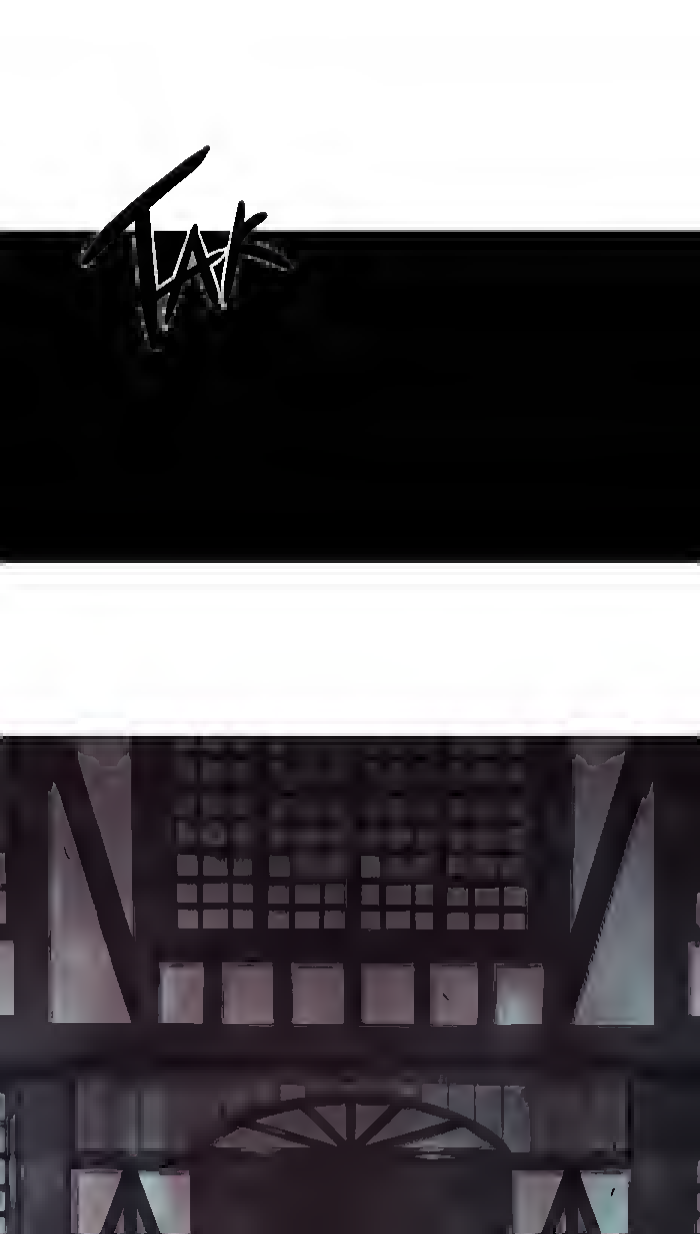

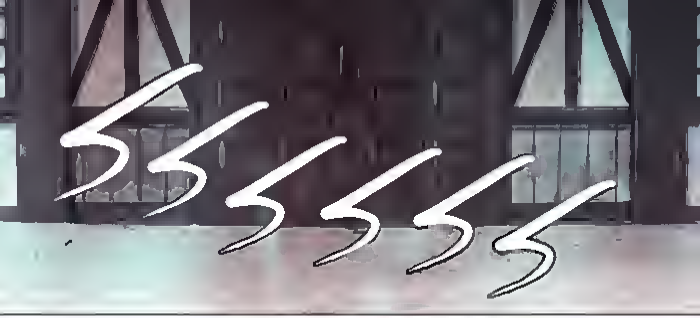
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SOUL CARTEL
To be continued

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Soul Cartel

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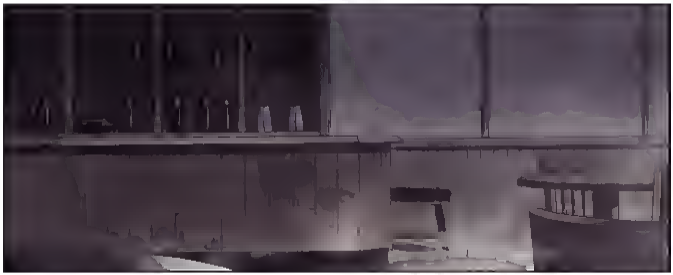
CREEAK

HELLO....
IS ANYONE HERE....?

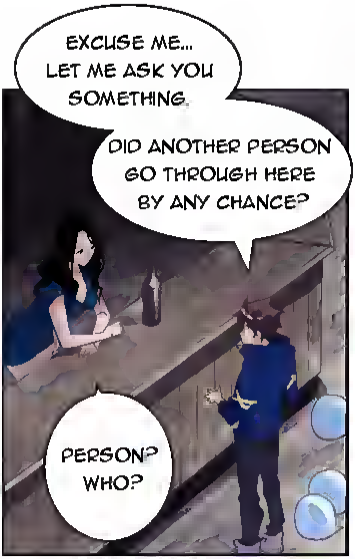


HUH....?
THIS IS A BAR...?
UNDER AGE

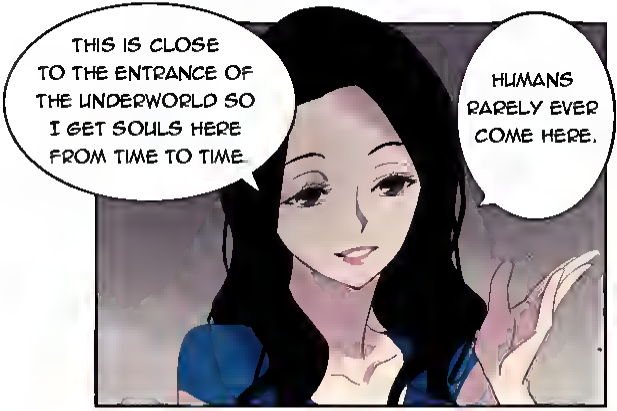
WHO IS IT?
STARTLED

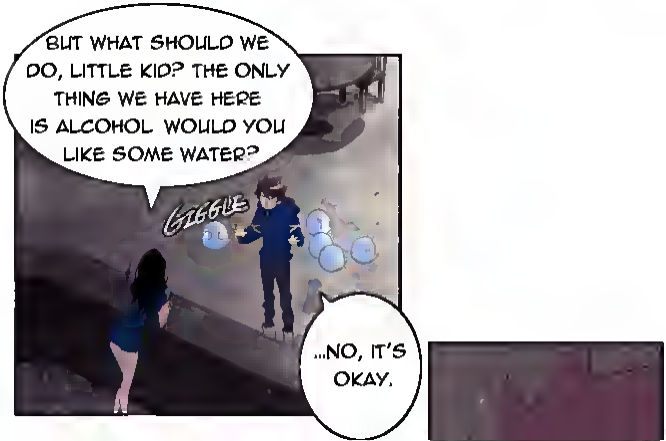
THIS ISN'T A PLACE WHERE A LOT OF CUSTOMERS COME...
SSH

OH... IS...IS THAT SO?
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT'S A GOOD PLACE TO BEGIN WITH.
SO THERE IS SOMEONE HERE...
BUT YOU'RE JUST A KID.
WHAT A SHAME~
GIGGLE

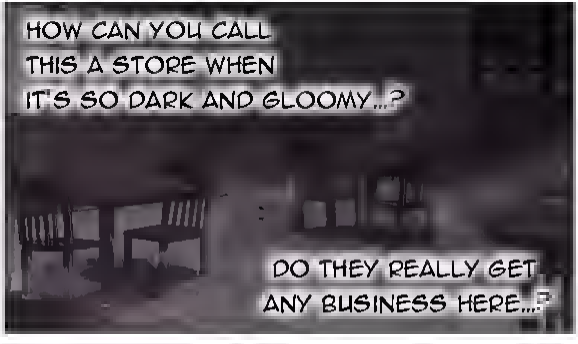

EXCUSE ME... LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING.
DID ANOTHER PERSON GO THROUGH HERE BY ANY CHANCE?
PERSON? WHO?

ONE IS A GIRL THAT HAS LONG HAIR AND IS PRETTY TALL AND ALSO HAS BAD TEMPER...
THE OTHER ONE IS A GUY LIKE ME THAT IS SIMILAR IN HEIGHT AND IS SMART.
AND THE LAST ONE IS A RED-HAIRED LITTLE KID THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO MESS WITH.
...I DIDN'T SEE THEM.


THIS IS CLOSE TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE UNDERWORLD SO I GET SOULS HERE FROM TIME TO TIME.
HUMANS RARELY EVER COME HERE.

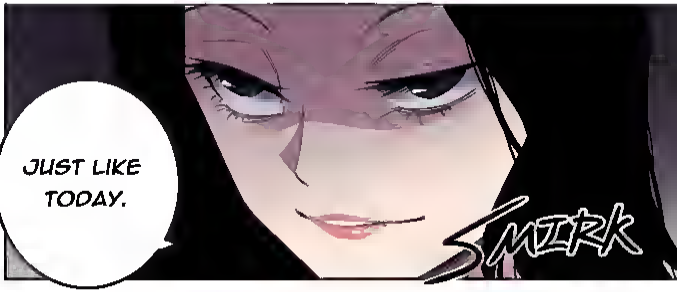

BUT WHAT SHOULD WE DO, LITTLE KID? THE ONLY THING WE HAVE HERE IS ALCOHOL. WOULD YOU LIKE SOME WATER?
GIGGLE
...NO, IT'S OKAY.

HMM....


HOW CAN YOU CALL
THIS A STORE WHEN
IT'S SO DARK AND GLOOMY...?
DO THEY REALLY GET
ANY BUSINESS HERE...?

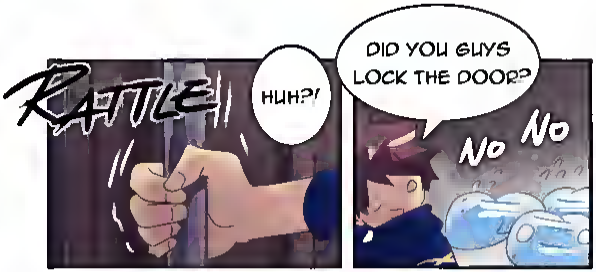
WHAT IS THAT PERSON DOING HERE ANYWAYS?

...YOU LIVE HERE ALONE?
WELL... IT'S JUST A SMALL LITTLE BUSINESS.
IT'S RARE, BUT I HAVE A CHANCE TO GET SOME FRESH MERCHANDISE ON CERTAIN DAYS.


JUST LIKE TODAY.
SMIRK

GULP

OH, IS...IS THAT SO..?
WELL I'LL GET GOING TO GO FIND MY FRIENDS, THEN...
WIGGLE
WIGGLE

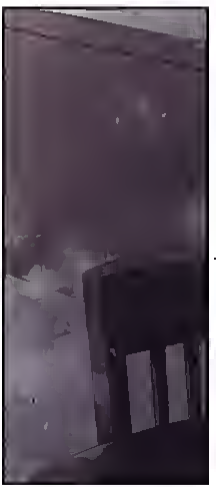

RATTLE
HUH?!
DID YOU GUYS LOCK THE DOOR?
No No

I JUST TOLD YOU.

IT'S A RARE DAY WHEN I GET FRESH MERCHANDISE...

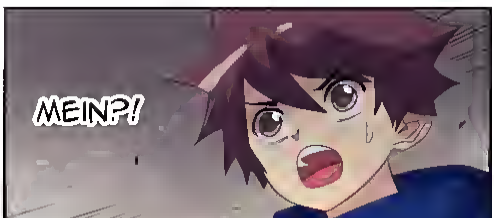
I CAN'T JUST LET YOU GO.
SLURP
SLURP

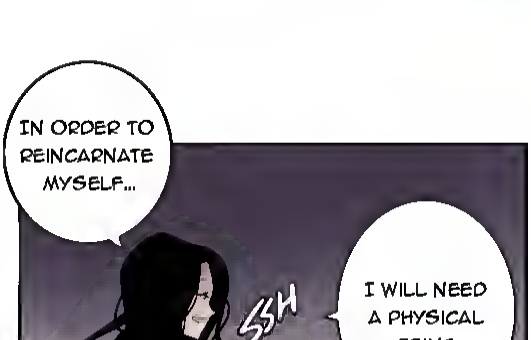
CHILL



YOU, YOU'RE NOT A HUMAN?!
YOU JUST FIGURED THAT OUT?
I DIED AS A 'HUMAN' LONG AGO.

I'M A MEIN.

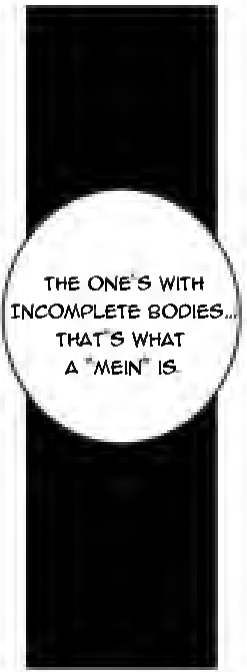

MEIN?!


IN ORDER TO REINCARNATE MYSELF...
SSH
I WILL NEED A PHYSICAL BEING.

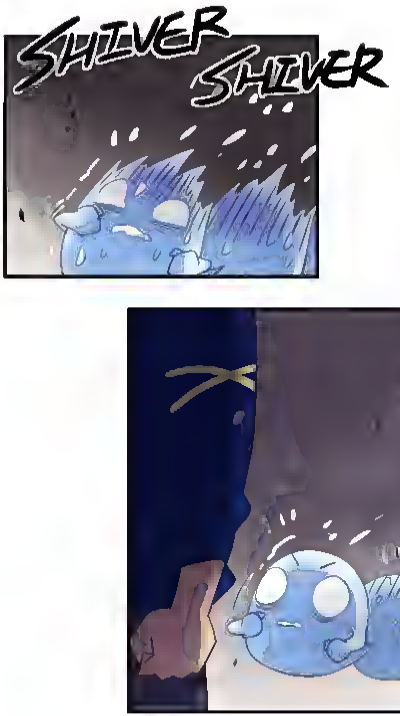
GOD'S PHYSICAL CREATION....
I CAN ONLY REINCARNATE MYSELF WHEN I HAVE THAT...

THE SOULS WHO DON'T FIND A BODY...

THEY HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FIND ANOTHER WAY.
EITHER STAY AS A SOUL FOREVER...
OR...
FIND AN INFERIOR AND INCOMPLETE BODY THAT'S "PRODUCED" IN A SHAPE OF A HUMAN...

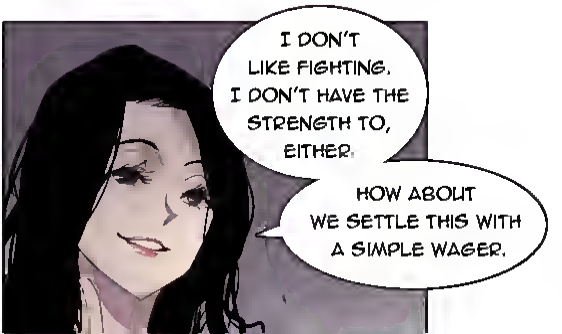

THE ONE'S WITH
INCOMPLETE BODIES...
THAT'S WHAT
A "MEIN" IS.

IT'S A CURSED BODY, BUT IT'S BETTER THAN BEING IN A SOUL'S STATE.
I CAN EVEN DO USEFUL THINGS.
SSSH
BUT OF COURSE...
HAVING A HUMAN BODY IS THE BEST.

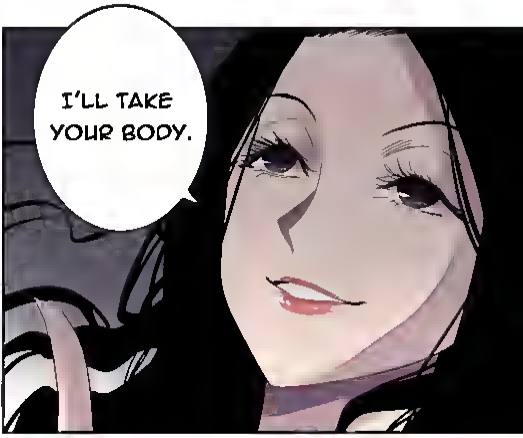

SHIVER
SHIVER

.....
CLENCH

KEH KEH KEH...
DON'T GET SO NERVOUS-
THUD


I DON'T LIKE FIGHTING. I DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO, EITHER.
HOW ABOUT WE SETTLE THIS WITH A SIMPLE WAGER.

A WAGER?
A SIMPLE WAGER
IF YOU WIN, I'LL OPEN THE DOOR
BUT IF YOU LOSE...


I'LL TAKE YOUR BODY.

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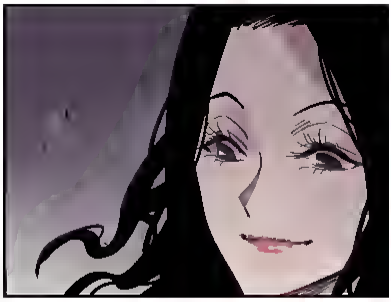
ADD TO THAT, LET ME KNOW ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS A BIT MORE.
DEAL?

THIS FOX-!
NOT JUST ME, BUT TRYING TO CAPTURE EVERYONE ELSE?!

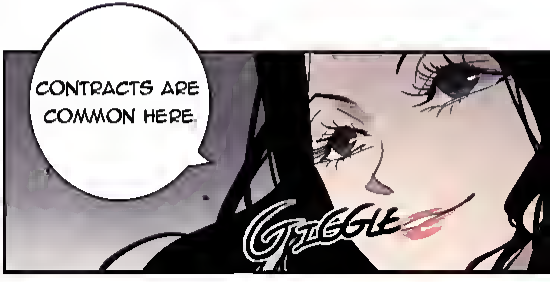


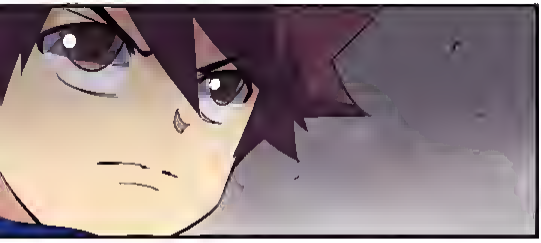
SO, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
IF YOU WANT TO GET OUT OF HERE, THERE'S REALLY ONLY ONE CHOICE.
GIGGLE

DIRTY
WITCH!!

FINE!
I ACCEPT YOUR WAGER!!
YOU'RE GOING TO KEEP YOUR PROMISE?!
IF I WIN, YOU'LL LET ME OUT?
OF COURSE
IF YOU DON'T TRUST ME, WE CAN SIGN A CONTRACT.

A CONTRACT IN THE UNDERWORLD IS ABSOLUTE.
ONCE THE WAGER IS COMPLETE, THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT WILL BE FULFILLED.
PSSH
LET'S DO THIS THE RIGHT WAY. A CONTRACT FOR THE WINNER.


CONTRACTS ARE COMMON HERE.
GIGGLE



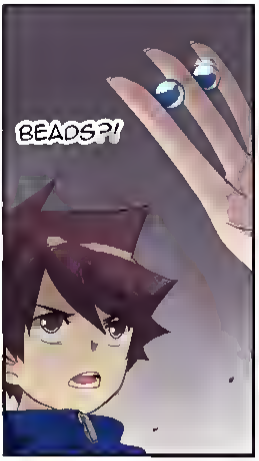
WUOOR-
WUOOR-

OKAY.... THE CONTRACT IS COMPLETE.
PAFT
WITNESS

SO WHAT'S THE WAGER?

SOMETHING SIMPLE WILL BE GOOD.

HOW ABOUT THIS?


BEADS?!

THE TWO BEADS...
WILL GO INTO TWO OUT OF FOUR CUPS.

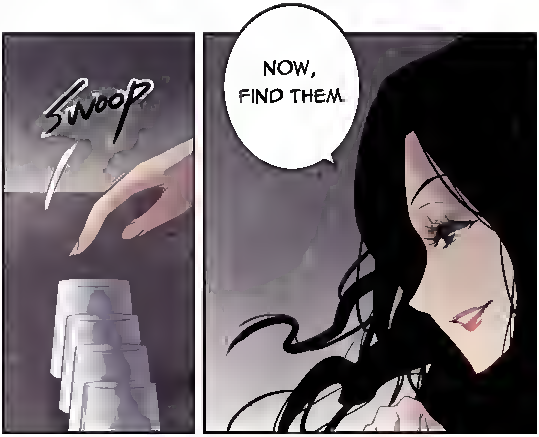
AND AFTER I MIX THE CUPS AROUND A LITTLE,
YOU MUST FIND THE ONES WITH BEADS.

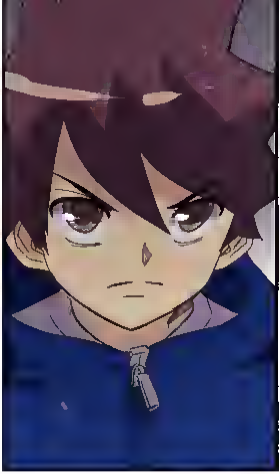
YOU ONLY GET ONE CHANCE
HOW ABOUT IT...? IT'S REALLY SIMPLE RIGHT?!
HMM

..ILLEGAL GAMBLING?
DON'T BE SO CHEAP.
IT'S JUST A GAME.

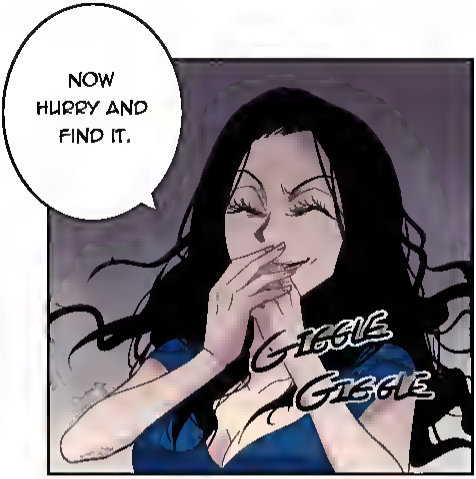
YOU DON'T NEED ANY PRACTICE, RIGHT?

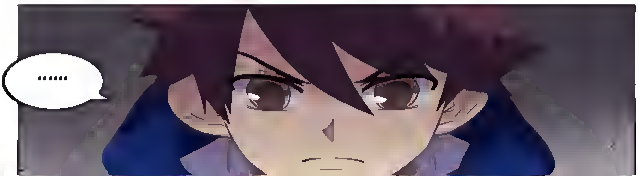
SWIRH
SWIRH
SWIRH
SWIRH
SWIRH


SWOOP
NOW,
FIND THEM.



IT'S EASY, RIGHT?


NOW HURRY AND FIND IT.
GIGGLE
GIGGLE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Psss
sH

SOUL CARTEL
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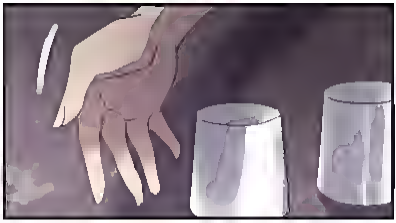
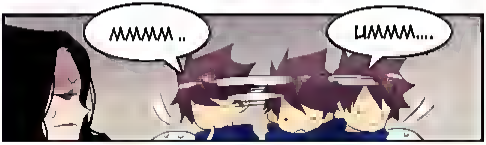


...SO
I NEED TO FIND THE RIGHT ONE...?

SWOOP
HMMM...
WHERE'S THE BEAD...?
EENIE~ MEENIE MINIE MO~
SWISH
SWISH

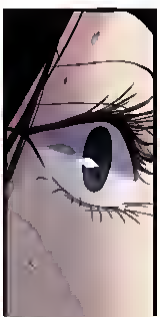

MMMM ..
UMMM....

FINE! I'VE CHOSEN!

THE BEAD IS UNDER...
POW

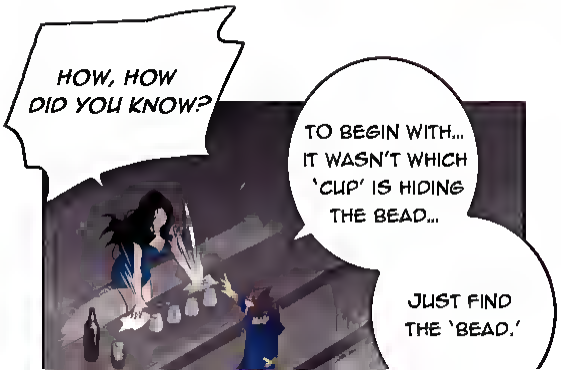
THIS ONE!!

POP



UH...
BLOOP
POOP

SNICKER
OF COURSE IT'S THERE

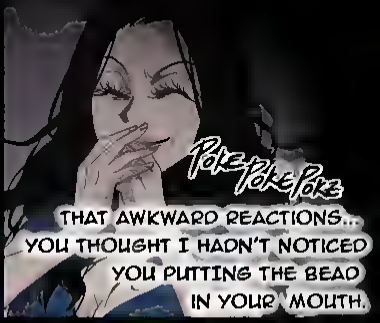

HOW, HOW DID YOU KNOW?
TO BEGIN WITH... IT WASN'T WHICH 'CUP' IS HIDING THE BEAD...
JUST FIND THE 'BEAD.'

"I NEVER SAID I'D HIDE THE BEADS IN THE CUP." THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE GOING TO SAY, HUH?!
SINCE I'VE BEEN AROUND SOULS FOR SUCH A LONG TIME... I KNOW ALL THEIR DIRTY TRICKS
NO WAY THOSE BASTARDS WOULD PLAY FAIR AND SQUARE.
AM I RIGHT? OF COURSE YOU'D CHEAT. JUST LIKE NOW.
DA...
DAMMIT...
FIRST YOU ACTED LIKE YOU WERE PUTTING THE BEADS IN THE CUPS AND HID IT IN YOUR HAND.

AFTER YOU
HID THE BEAD
IN YOUR HAND,
YOU MIXED
THE CUPS.

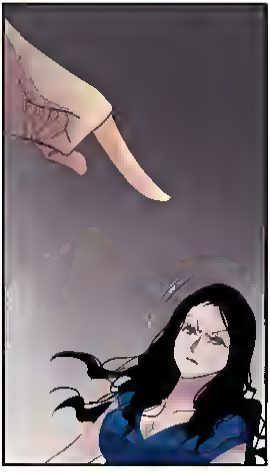
AFTER YOU MIXED
ALL THE CUPS...
YOU HID THE BEAD
WHILE I WAS
CONCENTRATING
ON THE CUPS.

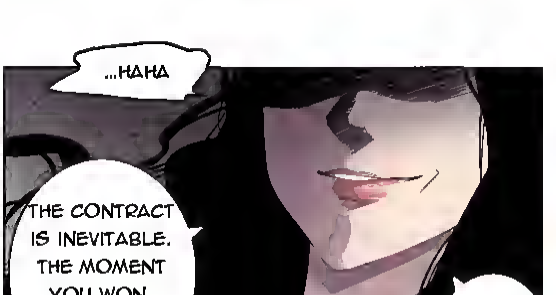
ACTING LIKE YOU WERE LAUGHING AND PUTTING BOTH YOUR HANDS TO YOUR MOUTH...



WHAT A PITIFUL MOVE.
HOW MANY THINGS DO I HAVE TO TEACH YOU?
AND IT WAS SO SUSPICIOUS OF YOU USING ONLY HAND GESTURES SINCE YOU HID THE BEAD IN YOUR MOUTH. HOW ABOUT SWITCHING UP YOUR GAME PLAN?
IS EVERYTHING DONE NOW?
I WON, RIGHT?!
DAMN..

NOW HURRY AND OPEN THE DOOR!
PHAT




...HAHA
THE CONTRACT IS INEVITABLE. THE MOMENT YOU WON, THE DOOR WAS OPEN.
BUT...

I NEVER AGREED TO LET YOU GO THAT EASY.

TAP
...!

YOU PETTY, COWARDLY BASTARD!!
TAP
DID YOU THINK WE'D LET SOME FRESH MEAT GET AWAY?!
GIVE IT UP!!
SWISH

WOOSH
PHAT

CRACK

...!!
THUD
THUD
THUD

T- THAT WAS DANGEROUS..

AGAIN

SWOOSH

BOOM CRAK
WARGHH!!!!

SCREECH

!

SWOOOSH
THAT

THUD

DAMN!

НУАН!!

PHAT

...!...!!
CRASH

THUD

ARE THEY ALL MEINS?!
THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM...
HUFF HUFF

SHIHOON, YOUR SKILL IS QUITE STRONG..
BUT THE FACT THAT YOU'RE NOT USED TO IT IS YOUR WEAKNESS

YOU CAN'T USE IT CONSECUTIVELY. IT YOU DO, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE FOR 3 MINUTES
AFTER USING IT. ALWAYS BE CAREFUL.
OVER TEN ENEMIES
BUT I CAN ONLY RELEASE MY POWER JUST ONCE

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO US NOW...?
ARE WE GOING TO BE TAKEN SOMEWHERE...?
TRUMBLE
TRUMBLE

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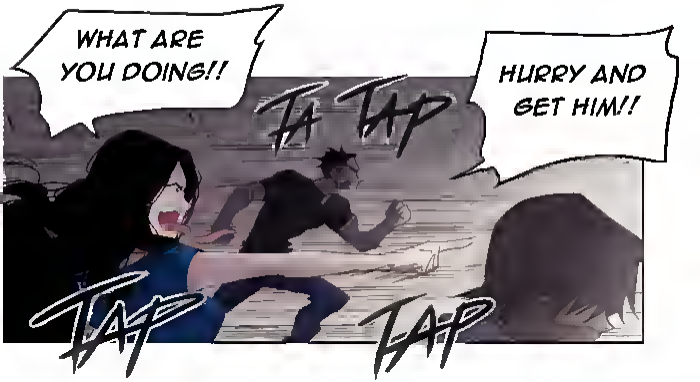
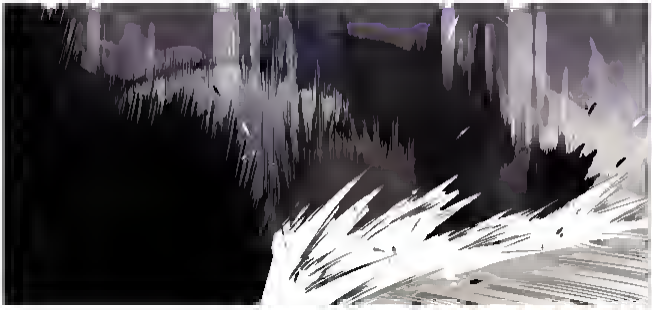
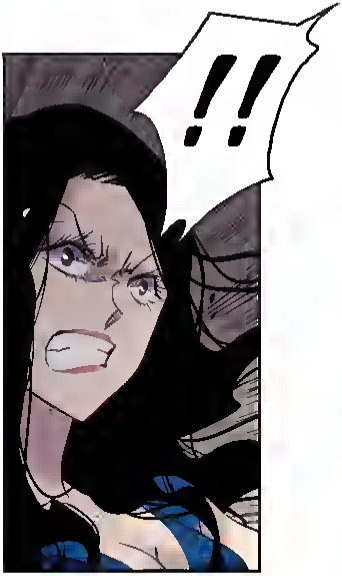

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!!
TA TAP
HURRY AND GET HIM!!
TAP
TAP

PHAT

POW POW
POW

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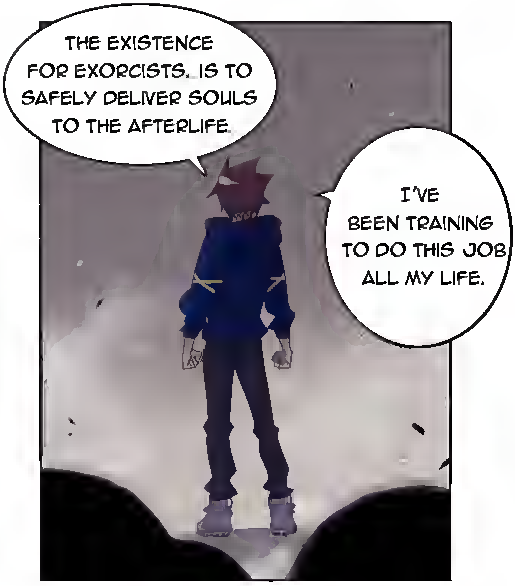
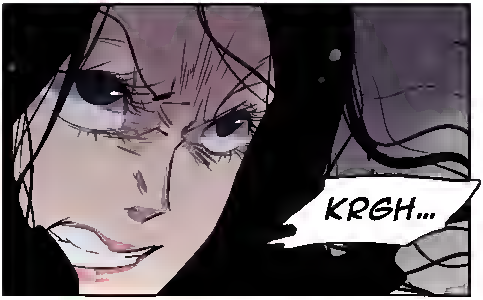
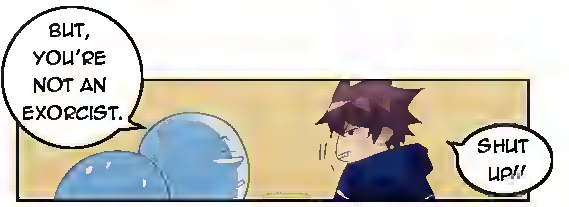
LOOK HERE, YOU LITTLE SOULS..
THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.


THE EXISTENCE FOR EXORCISTS, IS TO SAFELY DELIVER SOULS TO THE AFTERLIFE.
I'VE BEEN TRAINING TO DO THIS JOB ALL MY LIFE.

I'VE TAKEN RESPONSIBILITY IN TAKING YOU GUYS TO THE AFTERLIFE
TRUST ME!
!
!
!


KRGH...


BUT, YOU'RE NOT AN EXORCIST.
SHUT UP!!

SOUL CARTEL
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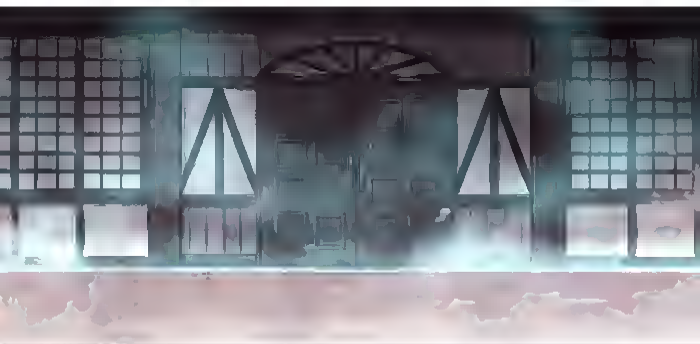

THE
CONTRACT FOR
THE WINNER

SHIHOON CHA IS THE WINNER.
AS WRITTEN IN THE CONTRACT, THE DOORS WILL OPEN.
SWOOOOOSH

CONTRACT
COMPLETE.

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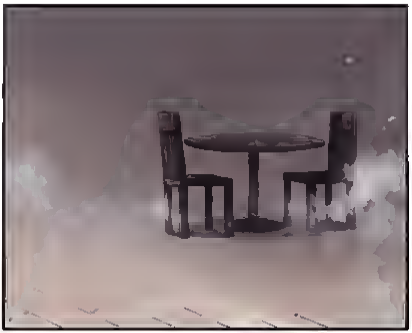


CRASH

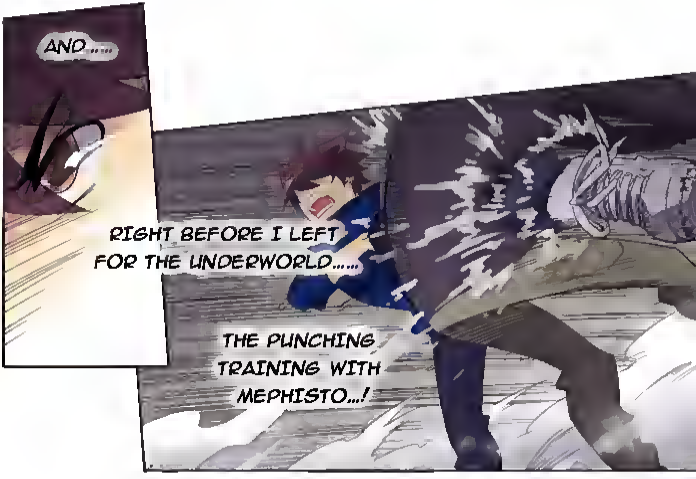
THIS BASTARD...!!
TAKA TAKA

CLENCH

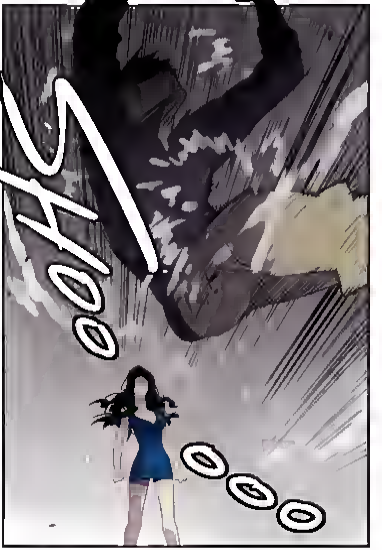
TAP

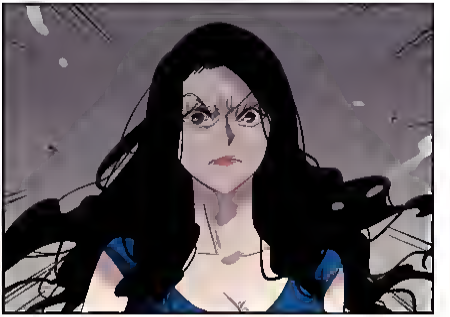
ALL THE TRAINING
I'VE DONE SINCE
I WAS A KID.....

THE USUAL OPPONENT
BEING MY OLDER SISTER.....


AND.....
RIGHT BEFORE I LEFT FOR THE UNDERWORLD.....
THE PUNCHING TRAINING WITH MEPHISTO...!

IF I COMPARE THIS
TO THAT...
THIS IS
NOTHING...!


SHOO
OOO



BLAST

...WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
CRACK
CRACK
!...!!
CRACK

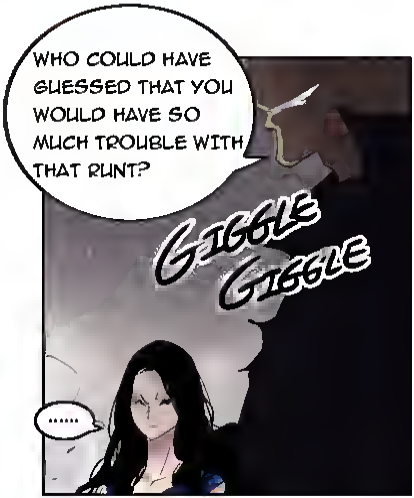
SILLY FOOL!

CRACK
CRACK

SWISH
THUMP

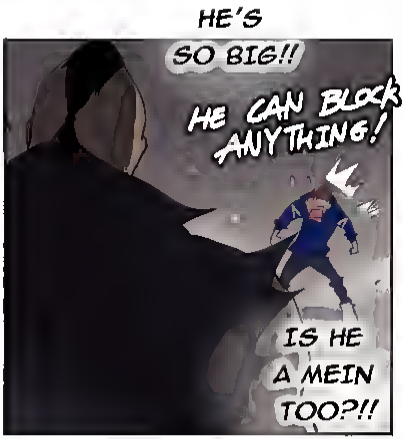
WHY'D YOU COME SO LATE?!

GRIN
JACK!


WHO COULD HAVE GUESSED THAT YOU WOULD HAVE SO MUCH TROUBLE WITH THAT RUNT?
GIGGLE GIGGLE
.....

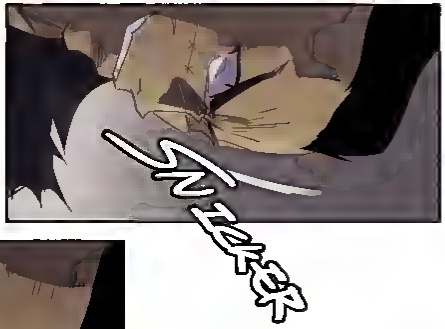
HURRY AND GO GET HIM!
HAHA.....
THUMP

...!
WHAT...WHAT IS THAT...!!


HE'S
SO BIG!!
HE CAN BLOCK ANYTHING!
IS HE A MEIN TOO?!!

LOOKS LIKE YOU DID PRETTY WELL FOR YOURSELF UP TO THIS POINT.
YOU'LL BE DEALING WITH ME NOW.

HAHAHA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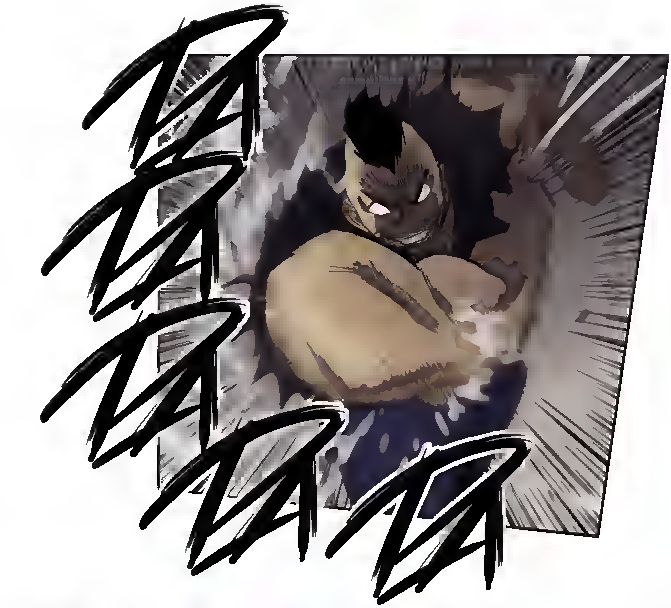

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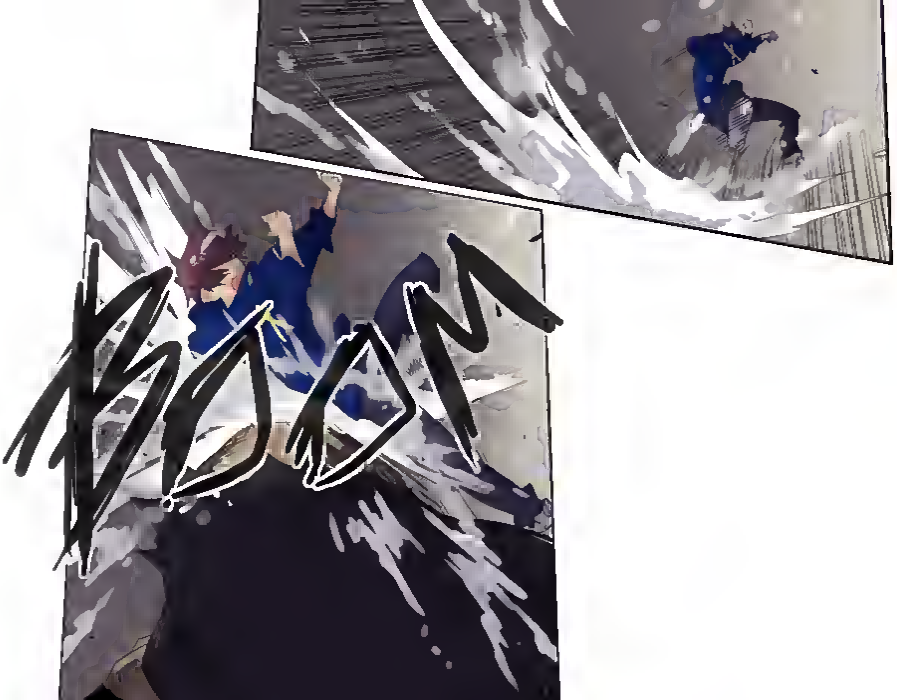
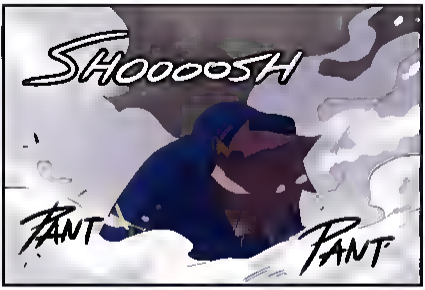
A RUSH ATTACK...?!
LET'S JUST DODGE.....

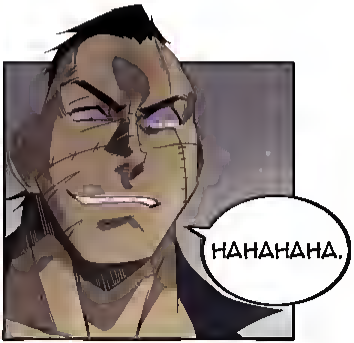
HE'S FAST.....


BOOM

THUMP
UGHHHH!!


SHOOOOSH
PANT
PANT

STEP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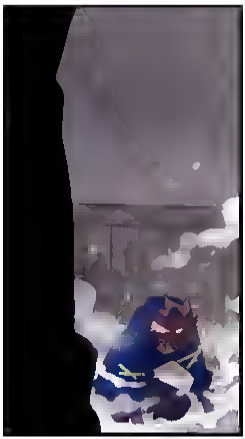
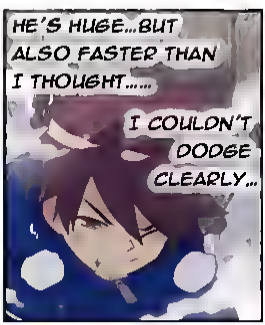


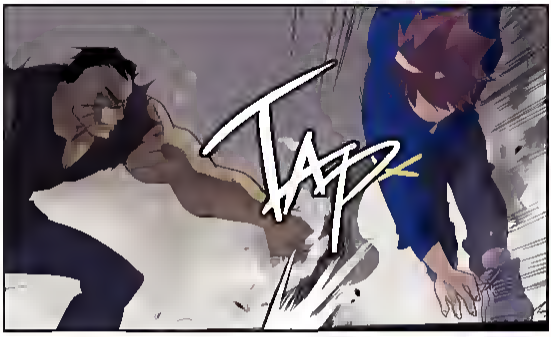

HE'S HUGE...BUT ALSO FASTER THAN I THOUGHT.....
I COULDN'T DODGE CLEARLY...

AND... HE BARELY TOUCHED ME BUT DID THIS MUCH DAMAGE.....
GUIVER
GUIVER

IF I TAKE A DIRECT HIT... I'LL CRUMBLE LIKE A COOKIE.....
BOOM
!!

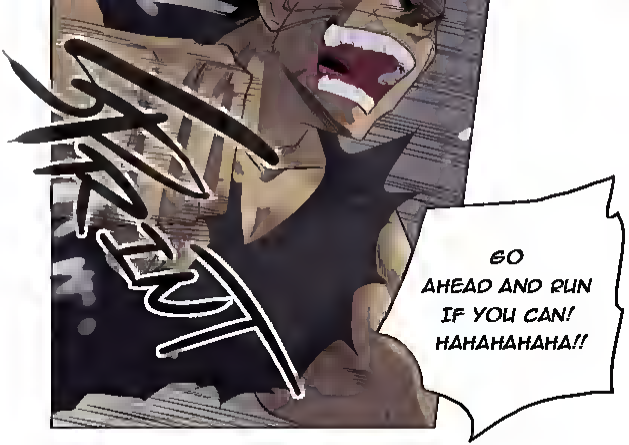
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK

I'M GOING EASY ON YOU, KID.
I CAN'T BREAK MY PRECIOUS MERCHANDISE.
HA HA HA
SO STOP TRYING AND JUST GIVE IT UP.


TAP

PIA-PATA
...FINE, SO YOU'RE SAYING YOU WON'T GIVE UP SO EASILY...

FINE!! LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING TO HAVE TO BREAK AN ARM OR A LEG!!


GO AHEAD AND RUN IF YOU CAN! HAHAHAHAHA!!

STOMP

...!
HE'S NOT RUNNING AWAY...

BUT INSTEAD HE'S COMING STRAIGHT AT ME?!!
SWOO
SHOOOOSH

IF YOU LET YOUR GUARD DOWN DURING A FIGHT, AN OPENING WILL APPEAR.....
I'M PUTTING EVERYTHING I HAVE ON THE LINE...!!
FIST
FIST

RELEASE . THE 3RD FIST.
KABOOM
餓餓餓 餓餓

UGH...
UGHHHH...!!
PUNCH!

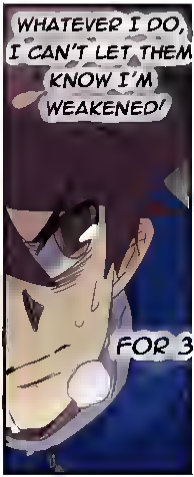
SHOOOOOOOSH
HUFF
HUFF
I, I DID IT...

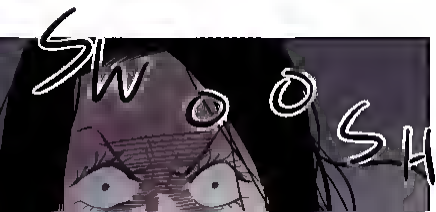
SHOOOOOOO

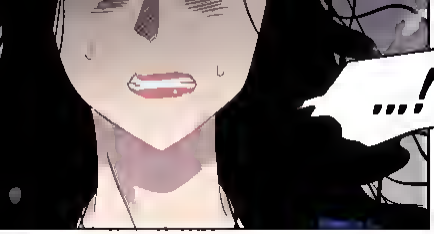
URGH.....
LOOKS LIKE MY TECHNIQUE WAS SUCCESSFUL,
BUT... JUST AS SHE SAID, MY BODY IS ABOUT TO GIVE OUT.....
I CAN'T EVEN MOVE MY FINGERS.....
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

THERE ARE STILL 6 ENEMIES LEFT.....

I'LL BE LIKE THIS FOR ANOTHER 3 MINUTES.....


WHATEVER I DO, I CAN'T LET THEM KNOW I'M WEAKENED!
FOR 3 MINUTES...!!


Shooosh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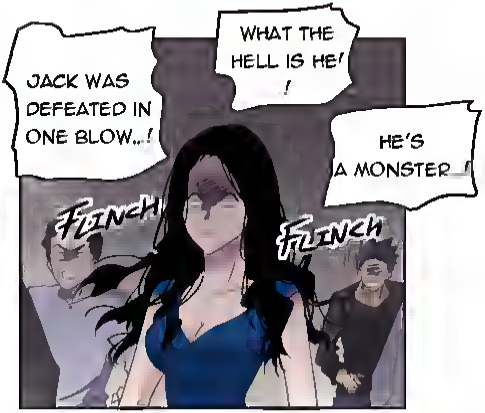
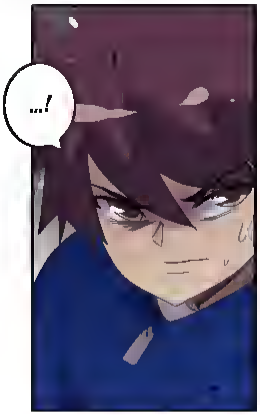
DAMN IT...
MY BODY WON'T MOVE....

I BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF THAT GUY...
SO THERE'RE ONLY 6 LEFT...

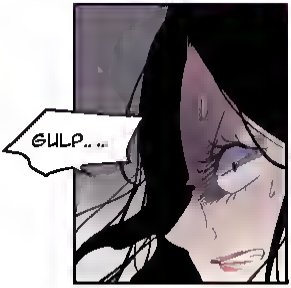
I STILL NEED 3 MINUTES TO RECOVER
IF THEY NOTICE THAT I DON'T HAVE ANY STRENGTH FOR 3 MINUTES, I'M SCREWED...


JACK WAS DEFEATED IN ONE BLOW..!
WHAT THE HELL IS HE!!
HE'S A MONSTER..!
FLINCH
FLINCH


...!

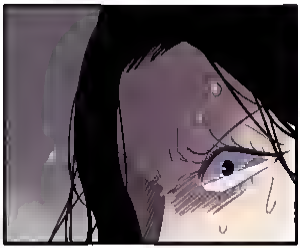
HEY, YOU'RE THE STRON-GEST OUT OF ALL THESE GUYS RIGHT?

SO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE? OR WOULD YOU RATHER GIVE UP NOW?
I'LL GIVE YOU TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT.


GULP....

JUST 2 MORE MINUTES...

I HAVE TO DISTRACT THEM FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE...!



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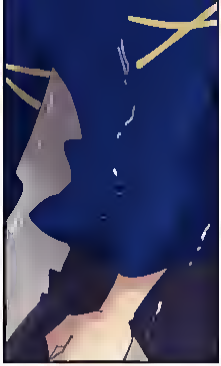
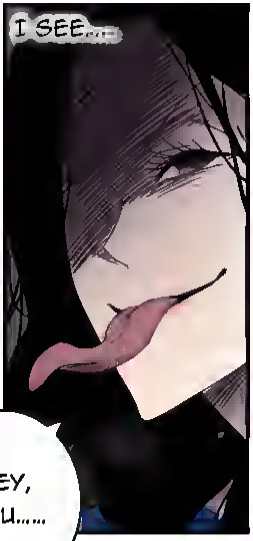
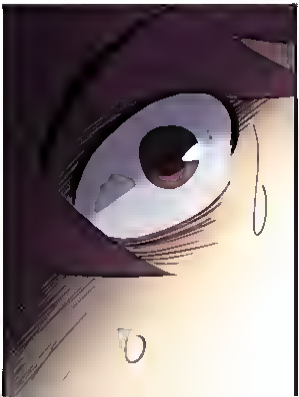




HEY, YOU.....

YOU CAN'T MOVE. CAN YOU?



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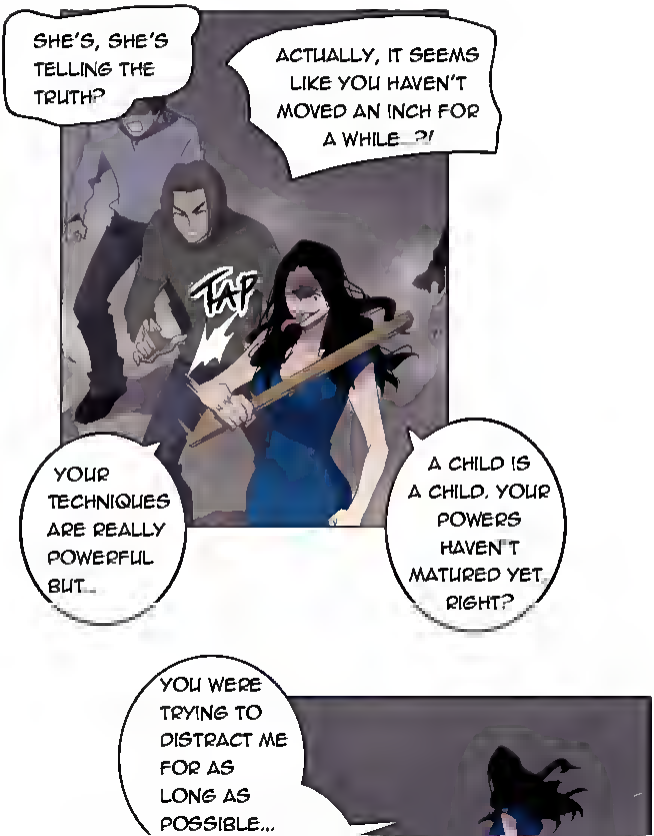
JACK- FELL IN JUST ONE BLOW.
SO WE WON'T BE A PROBLEM AT ALL.
THEN ATTACK NOW!

WHAT'S WRONG? CAN'T DO IT? CAN'T MOVE YOUR BODY?!
WON'T MATTER HOW MUCH YOU TALK THE TRUTH,
YOU'RE BODY TELLS.
YOUR QUIVERING BODY... TELLS ME EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW.
YOU CAN'T MOVE AT ALL RIGHT NOW..
SHE KNOWS.....

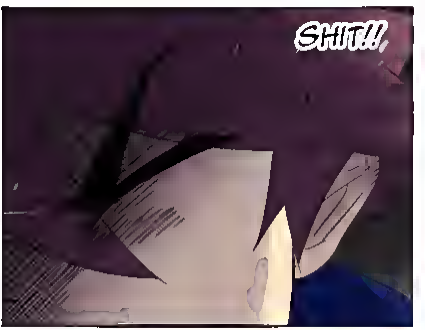

SHE'S, SHE'S TELLING THE TRUTH?
ACTUALLY, IT SEEMS LIKE YOU HAVEN'T MOVED AN INCH FOR A WHILE...?!
TAP
YOUR TECHNIQUES ARE REALLY POWERFUL BUT...
A CHILD IS A CHILD. YOUR POWERS HAVEN'T MATURED YET, RIGHT?
YOU WERE TRYING TO DISTRACT ME FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE...

BUT DON'T BELITTLE ME SO MUCH...
TAP
TAP
I HAVE A LOT OF EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA.

..

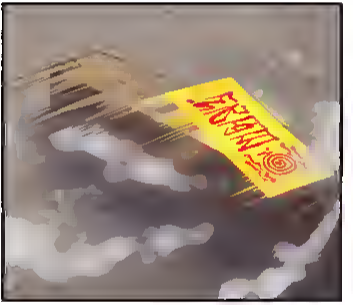
...WELL

I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR BODY!!
SHOOSH

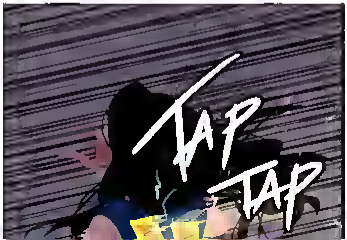

SHIT!!

FANG

TAP
TAP TAP


EXPLOSION

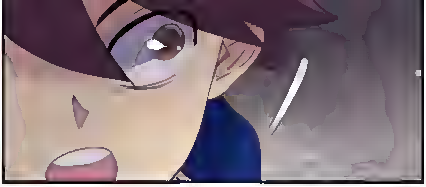
AN AMULET...?!
DAMN...!


TAP
TAP

AHH!!
TAP

LIGHTNING POWER
3 STRIKES

THUMP
!



SIS!!

PFFT
SHOOOOWSH
GOD'S PAPYRUS

FAUST!

HAHAHAHA

HEH HEH HEH HEH

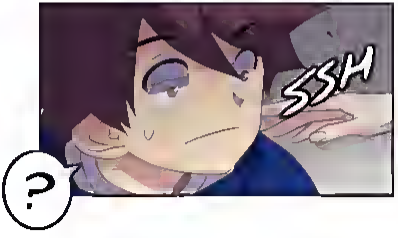
HELLO.

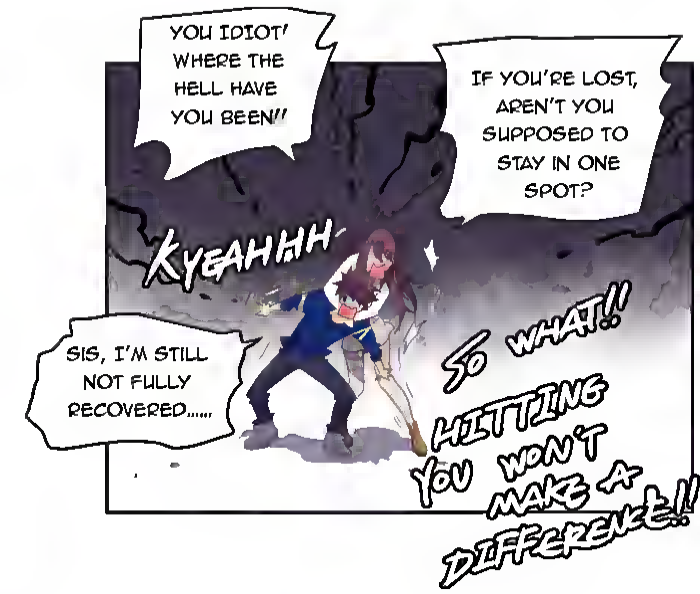
HEY, YOU "MEIN" BASTARDS
DON'T YOU KNOW WHO I AM?
I, I DON'T!
WE DON'T CARE!

FROWN
YOU DON'T KNOW THE DEMON MEPHISTO?!
CRACK
CRACK

I KNEW IT
YOU ARE NOT EVEN HIGH ENOUGH LEVEL TO RECOGNIZE WHO I AM.....
SHOOOWSH

MEPHISTO EVEN YOU.....


SSH
?

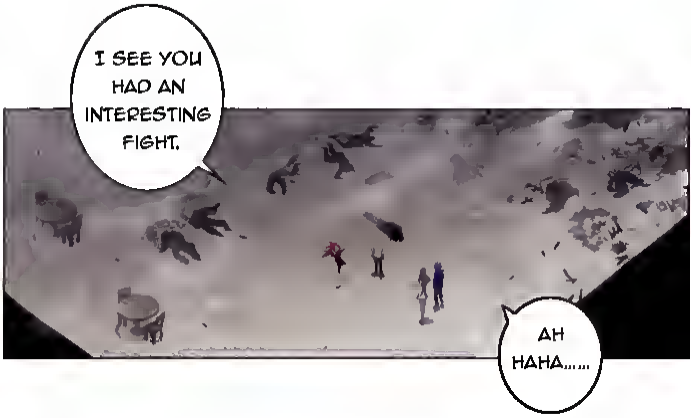

YOU IDIOT! WHERE THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN!!
IF YOU'RE LOST, AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO STAY IN ONE SPOT?
KYEAHHH
SIS, I'M STILL NOT FULLY RECOVERED.....
SO WHAT!!
HITTING YOU WON'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

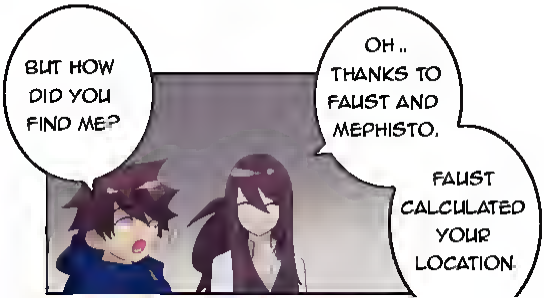
...THANK GOD

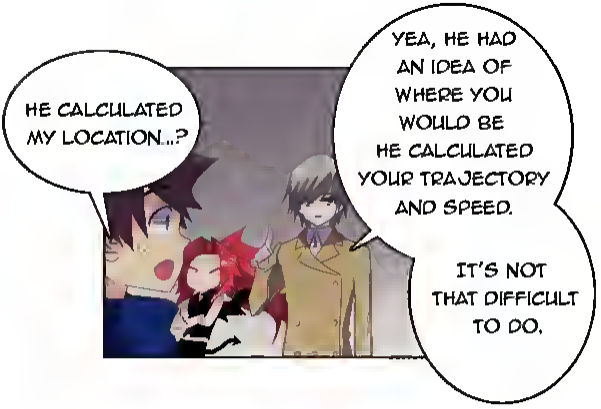
IT WAS NOT TOO LATE...
SHEESH! IT'S NOTHING ANYWAYS..

FA...FAUST.
MEPHISTO.
NICE TIMING!

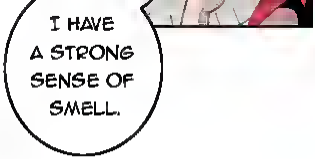
...ANYWAYS.
RUSTLE


I SEE YOU HAD AN INTERESTING FIGHT.
AH HAHA.....


BUT HOW DID YOU FIND ME?
OH.. THANKS TO FAUST AND MEPHISTO.
FAUST CALCULATED YOUR LOCATION.

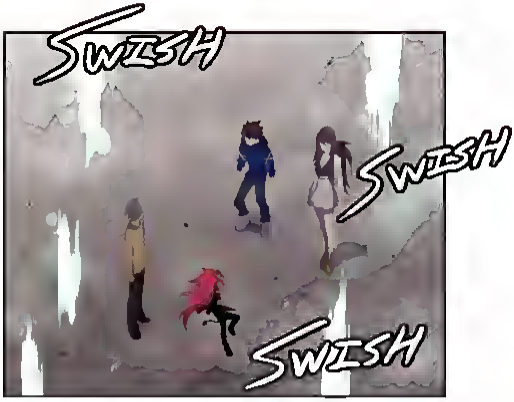

HE CALCULATED MY LOCATION...?
YEA, HE HAD AN IDEA OF WHERE YOU WOULD BE HE CALCULATED YOUR TRAJECTORY AND SPEED.
IT'S NOT THAT DIFFICULT TO DO.

OH, SO THAT'S HOW...
SO FROM THERE, IT WASN'T TOO HARD FOR MEPHISTO TO FIND YOU.
DAZED
HA!


I HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF SMELL.

I CAN SMELL A SCENT FROM A LONG WAYS AWAY.
HeHe
DOG... DOGGY...?

SWISH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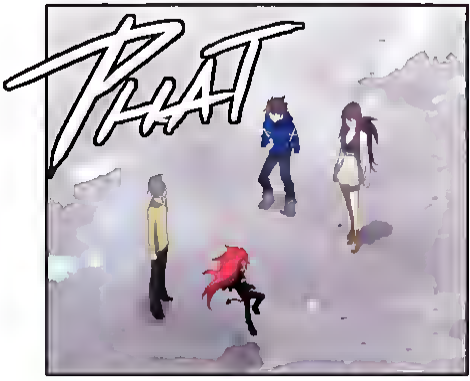
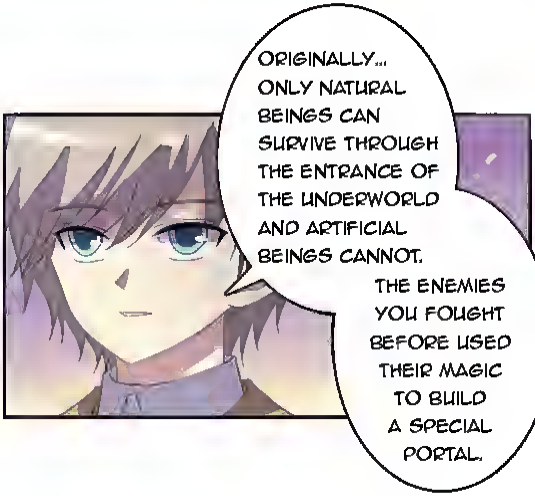
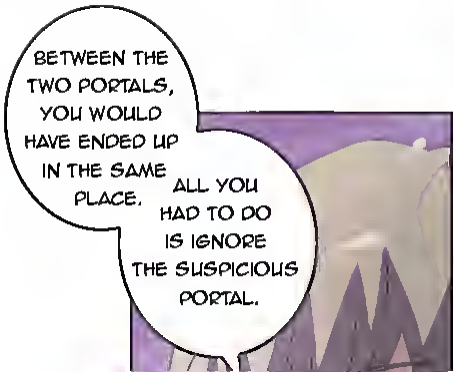

PHAT

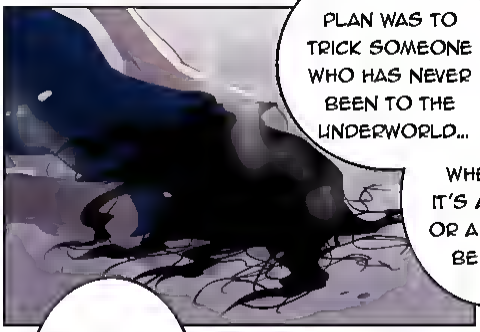
HUH?
THE BUILDING DISAPPEARED?!
THE OPPONENT'S SKILL HAS DISAPPEARED.


ORIGINALLY... ONLY NATURAL BEINGS CAN SURVIVE THROUGH THE ENTRANCE OF THE UNDERWORLD AND ARTIFICIAL BEINGS CANNOT.
THE ENEMIES YOU FOUGHT BEFORE USED THEIR MAGIC TO BUILD A SPECIAL PORTAL.

WELL, THE PORTAL WAS A TRAP.
LIKE A BUTTERFLY CAUGHT IN A SPIDER'S WEB...
YOU WERE CAUGHT IN AN INESCAPABLE TRAP.


BETWEEN THE TWO PORTALS, YOU WOULD HAVE ENDED UP IN THE SAME PLACE.
ALL YOU HAD TO DO IS IGNORE THE SUSPICIOUS PORTAL.

ALL THE BEINGS IN THE UNDERWORLD KNOW OF THIS TRUTH.



SO...THEIR PLAN WAS TO TRICK SOMEONE WHO HAS NEVER BEEN TO THE UNDERWORLD...

WHETHER IT'S A SOUL OR A HUMAN BEING.....

THEIR SLEAZY HUNTERS.

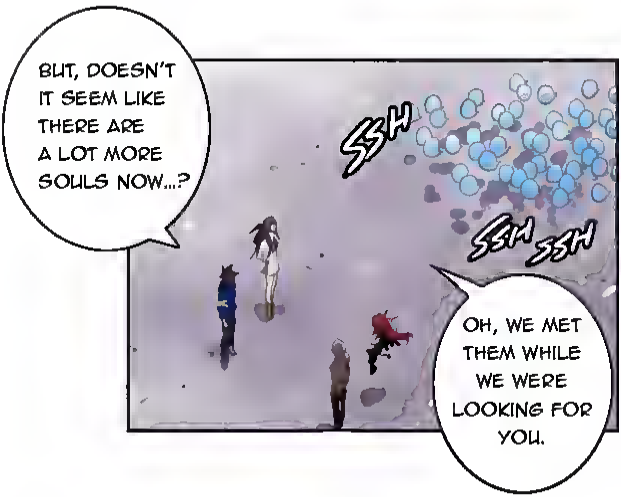
IT'S VERY COMMON HERE

I SEE.

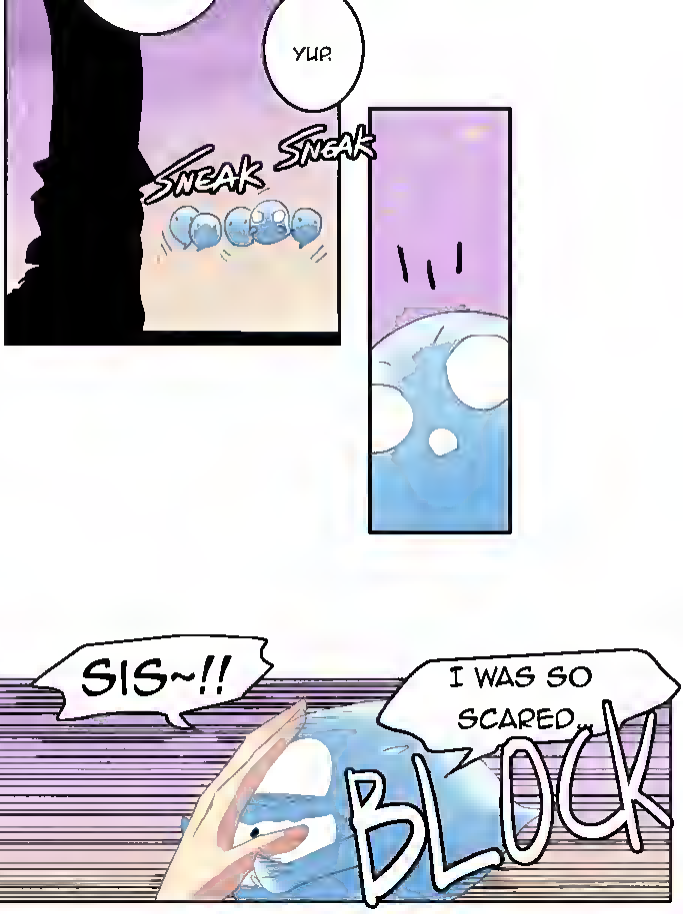
OH,
NOW MY BODY IS MOVING NORMALLY.

SIS, THIS SKILL IS TOO TROUBLESOME.
NOT BEING ABLE TO MOVE 3 MINUTES AFTER I USE IT IS STUPID. IS THERE ANY OTHER WAY?
HURRY AND GET USED TO IT.
LEARN HOW TO FIGHT
TIME AND PRACTICE.

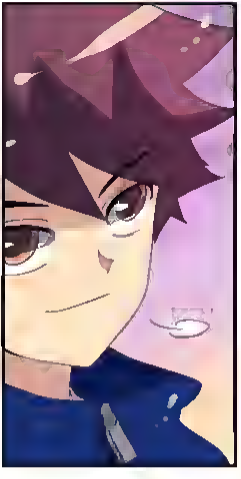
YOU GUYS ARE NO HELP AT ALL.....


BUT, DOESN'T IT SEEM LIKE THERE ARE A LOT MORE SOULS NOW...?
SSH
SSH SSH
OH, WE MET THEM WHILE WE WERE LOOKING FOR YOU.

THEY'RE ALL HEADING TO THE UNDERWORLD ANYWAYS


YUP.
SNEAK
SNEAK
SIS~!!
I WAS SO SCARED...
BLOCK

YOU SOULS WERE THE ROOT OF ALL THE PROBLEMS...
ARGHHH
OI~ I KNEW THAT THIS GUYS WAS...



TIGHTEN

IT'S DONE.

AZRAEL PATROLS THIS AREA.
SO THEY'LL NOTICE THEM AND TAKE THEM AWAY.
WRAP
WRAP

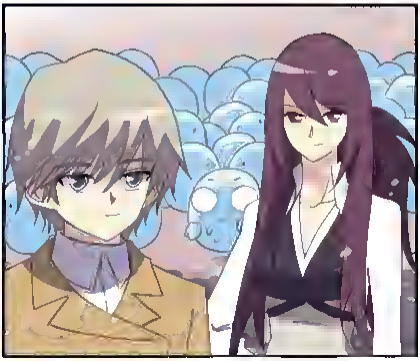
SO SHOULD WE BE ON OUR WAY?
YES.

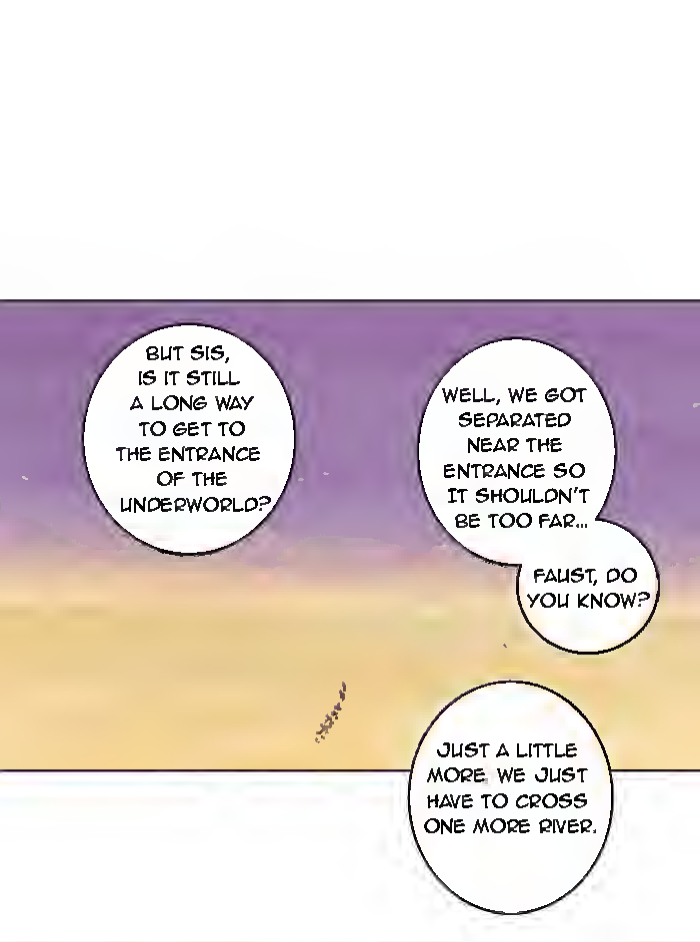
OK, SO WE FOUND THE LOST CHILD ALONG THE WAY!

LET'S GO~ DEPART!!
HAHAHA!

HE'S EXCITED TO GO TO THE UNDERWORLD...
HEY! LET'S HURRY AND GO~!
HURRY YOU'RE BEING SO SLOW!
FLAT

FINE!!
LET'S GO!!




BUT SIS, IS IT STILL A LONG WAY TO GET TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE UNDERWORLD?
WELL, WE GOT SEPARATED NEAR THE ENTRANCE SO IT SHOULDN'T BE TOO FAR...
FAUST, DO YOU KNOW?
JUST A LITTLE MORE. WE JUST HAVE TO CROSS ONE MORE RIVER.

SOUL CARTEL
To be continued

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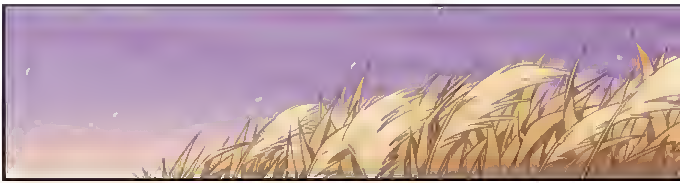
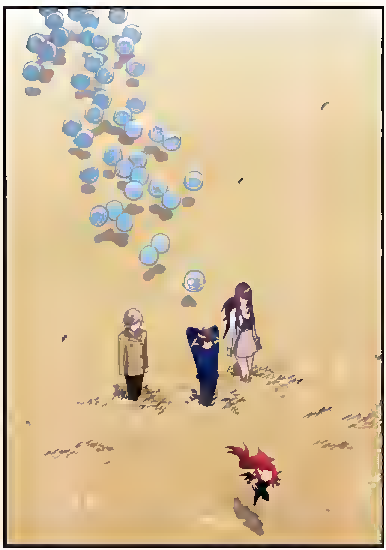
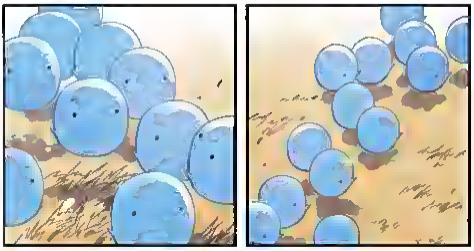
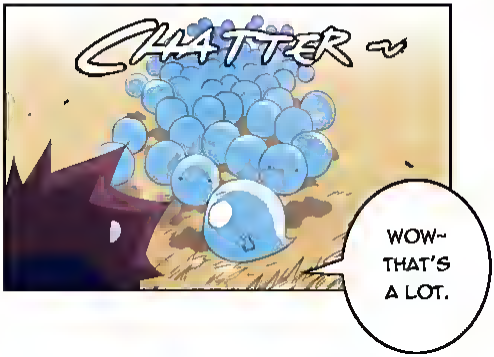
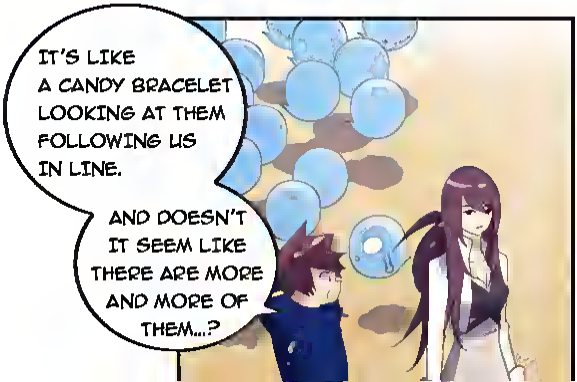


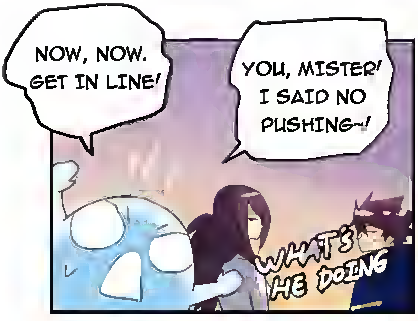





CHATTER ~
WOW~ THAT'S A LOT.

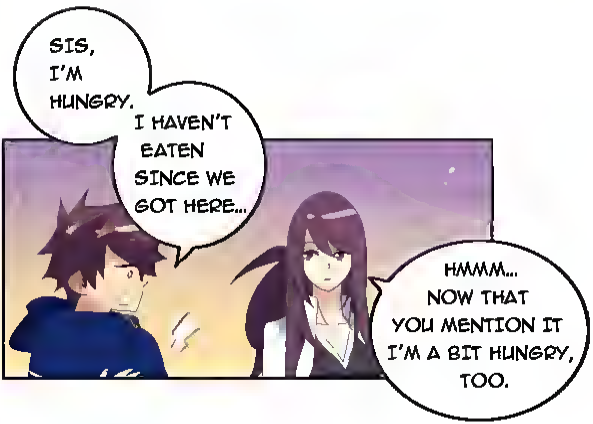

IT'S LIKE A CANDY BRACELET LOOKING AT THEM FOLLOWING US IN LINE.
AND DOESN'T IT SEEM LIKE THERE ARE MORE AND MORE OF THEM...?

THAT'S BECAUSE MORE OF THEM ARE JOINING US AS WE GO ON.
JUST THINK OF IT AS OUR FAMILY GETTING BIGGER.
AHHAHA.

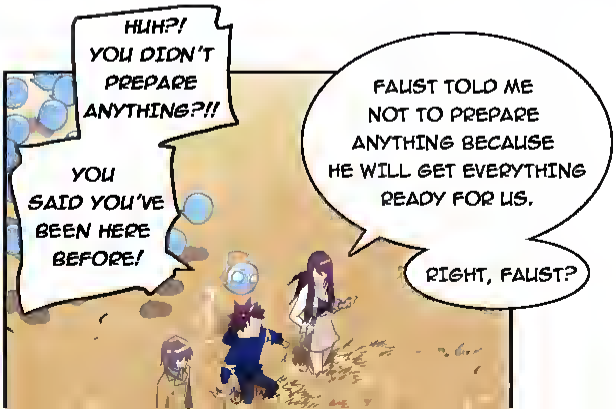

NOW, NOW. GET IN LINE!
YOU, MISTER! I SAID NO PUSHING~!
WHAT'S HE DOING

THEY'RE GOING WHERE WE'RE GOING.
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY OF THEM THERE ARE.
THIS AREA ISN'T VERY DANGEROUS...

GRUMBLE
AH


SIS, I'M HUNGRY.
I HAVEN'T EATEN SINCE WE GOT HERE...
HMMM... NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT I'M A BIT HUNGRY, TOO.

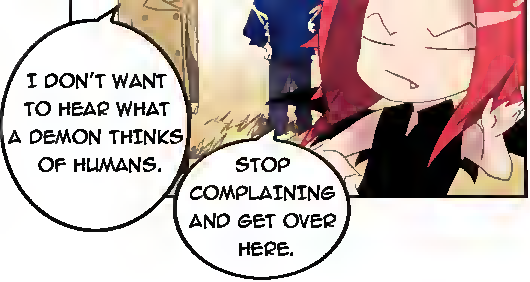
HAHA, SOULS DON'T GET HUNGRY~
I'M NOT JEALOUS AT ALL
SIS, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO EAT?
NO, I DON'T.

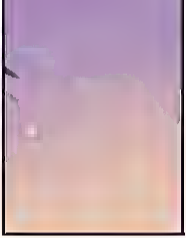

HUH?! YOU DIDN'T PREPARE ANYTHING?!!
YOU SAID YOU'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE!
FAUST TOLD ME NOT TO PREPARE ANYTHING BECAUSE HE WILL GET EVERYTHING READY FOR US.
RIGHT, FAUST?

YES, I'M GETTING A LITTLE HUNGRY, TOO.

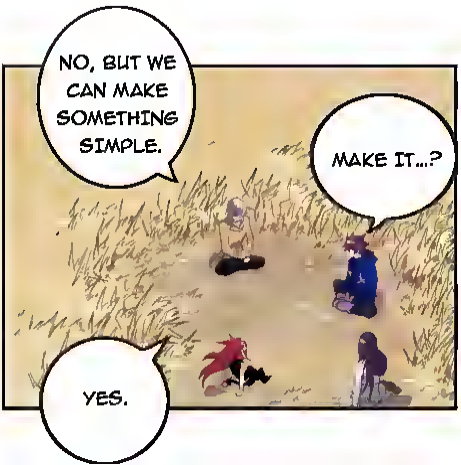
MEPHISTO! LET'S TAKE A BREAK!
HUH?!

WHAT, REST ALREADY?
ALWAYS GETTING TIRED AND GETTING HUNGRY.
HUMANS ARE TIRING I TELL YA. PHT.

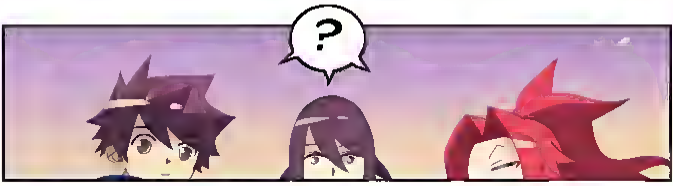

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR WHAT A DEMON THINKS OF HUMANS.
STOP COMPLAINING AND GET OVER HERE.



HEY FAUST,
DID YOU PREPARE ANYTHING?


NO, BUT WE CAN MAKE SOMETHING SIMPLE.
MAKE IT...?
YES.

WITH GOD'S PAPYRUS...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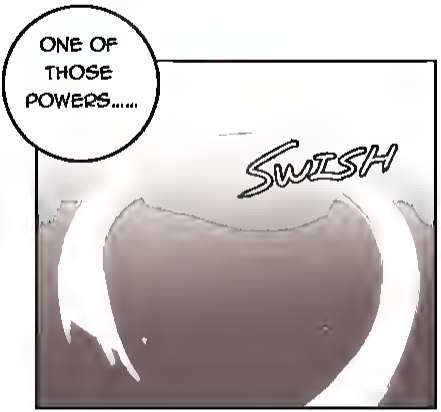
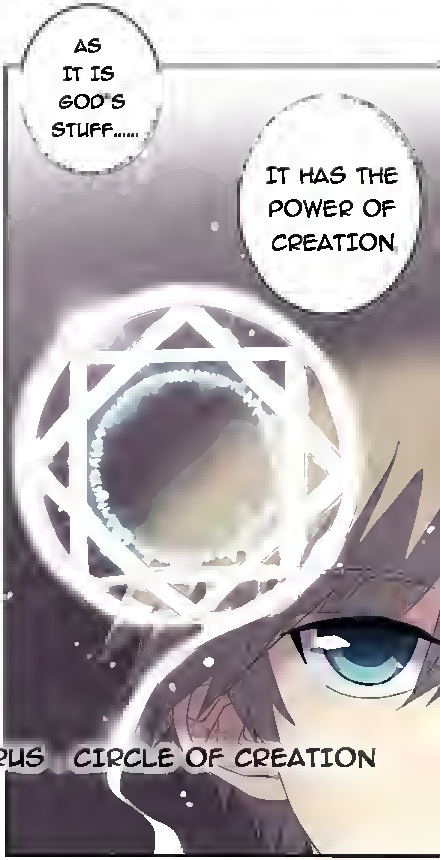
GOD'S PAPYRUS HAS MANY POWERS.

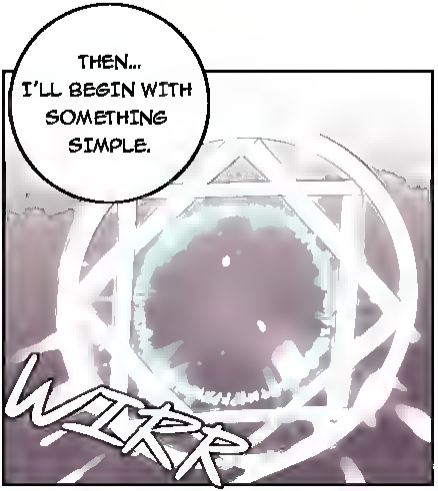

ONE OF THOSE POWERS.....
SWISH

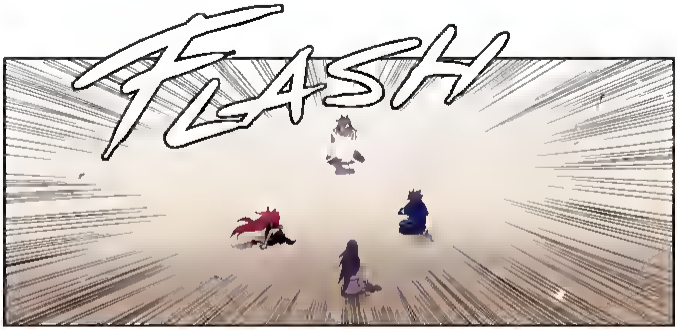
SHOO

SHOOOWSH


AS IT IS GOD'S STUFF.....
IT HAS THE POWER OF CREATION
GOD'S PAPYRUS CIRCLE OF CREATION

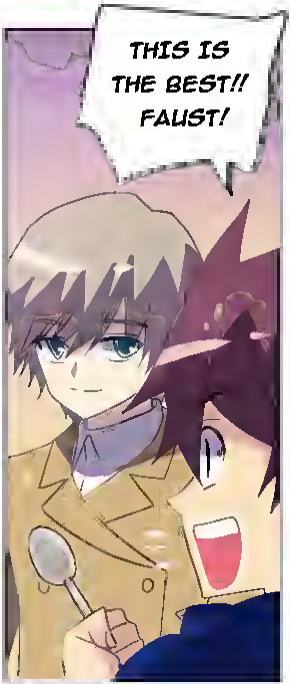
WHATEVER IT MAY BE, AS LONG AS I'VE SEEN THE OBJECT, I CAN CREATE IT.
OH!! THAT'S AWESOME.
EXCEPT SOMETHING THAT CAN HARM SOMEONE SUCH AS A WEAPON... OR SOMETHING THAT'S AGAINST GOD'S WILL.


THEN... I'LL BEGIN WITH SOMETHING SIMPLE.
WIRR


FLASH

SHOOO

A SPOON AND CHOPSTICKS!
WOW~ THIS IS AMAZING!
SHOCK

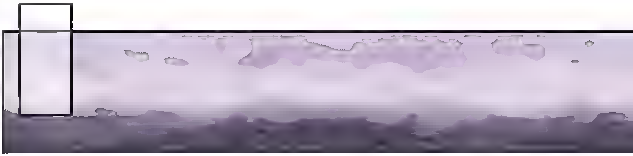

THIS IS THE BEST!! FAUST!

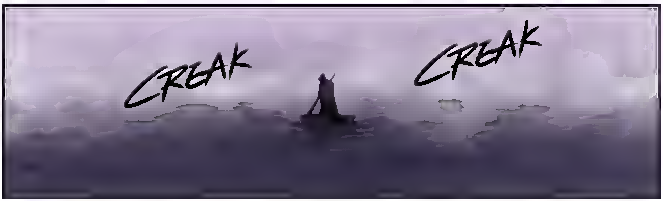
THEN SHALL WE CONTINUE?

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO ORDER?

SIR...?
SHOOOWSH

DELICIOUS!! MY SISTER'S COOKING CAN'T COMPARE TO THIS!
WHAT?!
HOT~!!
SLURP
SLURP
SLURP
BLACK BEAN TASTE NOODLES
OMELETTE RICE
TTEOKBOKKI




CREAK
CREAK

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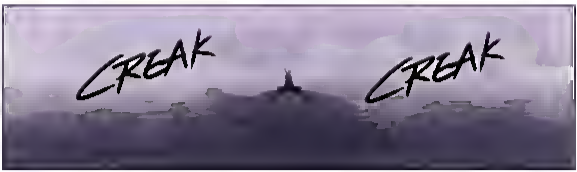
CREAK
CREAK

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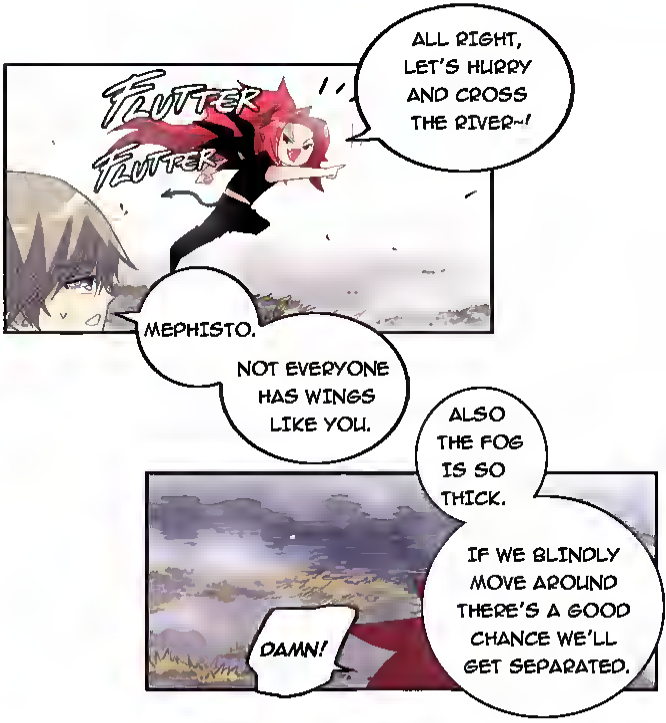
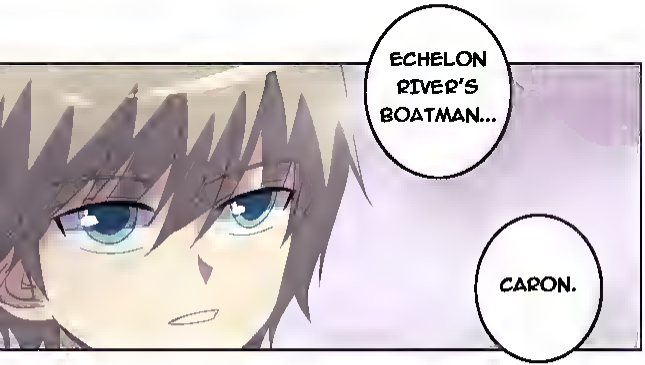
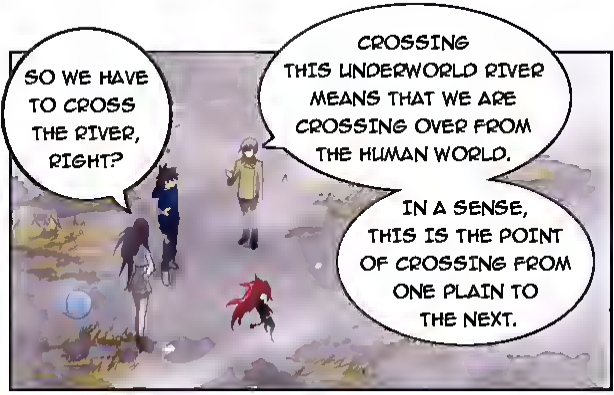
IT'S THE RIVER.


ALL RIGHT, LET'S HURRY AND CROSS THE RIVER~!
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
MEPHISTO.
NOT EVERYONE HAS WINGS LIKE YOU.
ALSO THE FOG IS SO THICK.
IF WE BLINDLY MOVE AROUND THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE WE'LL GET SEPARATED.
DAMN!

THEN WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
WE NEED TO WAIT FOR THE GUIDE.


ECHELON RIVER'S BOATMAN...
CARON.

CARON...?!


SO WE HAVE TO CROSS THE RIVER, RIGHT?
CROSSING THIS UNDERWORLD RIVER MEANS THAT WE ARE CROSSING OVER FROM THE HUMAN WORLD.
IN A SENSE, THIS IS THE POINT OF CROSSING FROM ONE PLAIN TO THE NEXT.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO GET TO THE UNDERWORLD,
BUT WHICHEVER ROUTE YOU CHOOSE, YOU HAVE TO CROSS THE RIVER THROUGH THAT ROUTE.
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO WAIT FOR THE BOATMAN TO TAKE US TO THE OTHER SIDE.....
DAMN!! I DON'T WANT TO DO THAT!!

IT'S DULL AND BORING!!
HEY, SHIHOON CHA!! WE'RE BORED SO WHY DON'T WE FIGHT?!
NO.

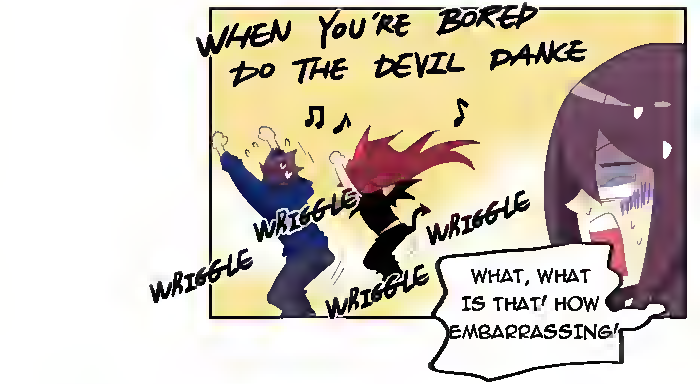
THEN HOW ABOUT THIS? LET'S DO IT TOGETHER. YOU PROMISE YOU WILL~?
UH, YEAH.
WHISPER
WHISPER
WHISPER
HEY, DON'T TEACH HIM WEIRD THINGS! YOU DEVIL BRAT!

THEY ALWAYS WORRY ME.....
HEHE
HEY SIS, IF YOU'RE BORED SHALL I MAKE THINGS FUN FOR YOU?

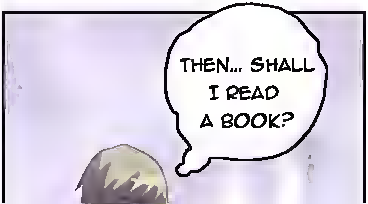
IF YOU DON'T GET AWAY FROM ME THIS INSTANT, I'M GOING TO KILL YOU.
AHAHA

THEY ARE SERIOUSLY TROUBLESOME.
MAD

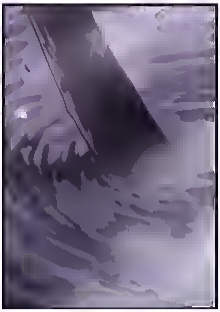
HUH?


WHEN YOU'RE BORED DO THE DEVIL DANCE
WRIGGLE
WRIGGLE
WRIGGLE
WRIGGLE
WRIGGLE
WHAT, WHAT IS THAT! HOW EMBARRASSING!

I TOLD YOU NOT TO DO THINGS LIKE THIS!
HAHAHAHA
...
UGH! WHY ARE YOU ONLY HITTING ME, SIS-!!


THEN... SHALL I READ A BOOK?

FLASH



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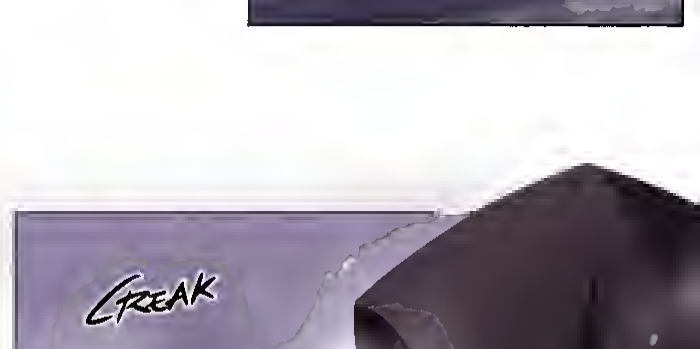
CREAK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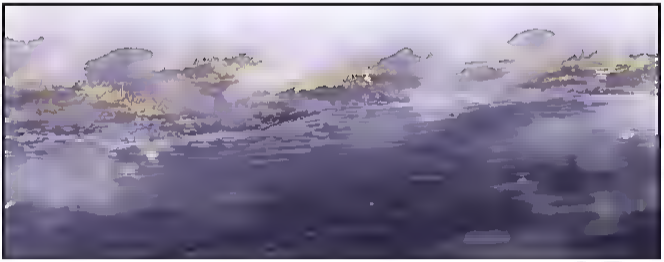
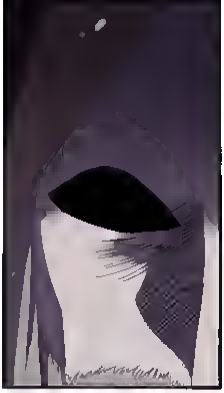


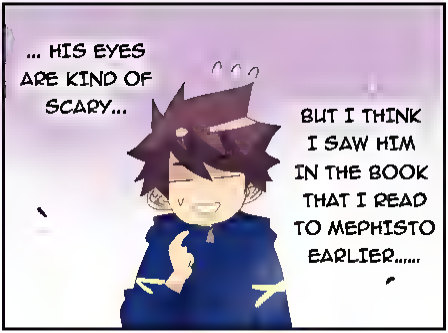
CREAAAAK

HUH?
HE'S HERE!!

HEY~ WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU SO LONG!
RUNNING
IT'S ONLY BEEN TWO HOURS... MEPHISTO.

...BOATMAN.
CARON...?!




... HIS EYES ARE KIND OF SCARY...
BUT I THINK I SAW HIM IN THE BOOK THAT I READ TO MEPHISTO EARLIER.....

IF YOU WANT TO GET ON THE BOAT, YOU HAVE TO GIVE THE BOATS MAN SOMETHING... WHAT WAS IT....?!

OH...RIGHT!
RUSTLE

EXCUSE ME... YOUR HANDS PLEASE.....

CLANK
100
500
100

IT'S NOT MUCH BUT THAT'S MY PAYMENT FOR THE RIDE.
PLEASE TAKE IT THIS ONE TIME.
...

SWISH

OH NO~ THOSE ARE MY WORLDLY ITEMS!!
ASH

...WE AND THE SOULS ARE A TOURIST GROUP THAT IS TRYING TO GET TO THE UNDERWORLD.
WE ARE TRYING TO GET TO THE UNDERWORLD BY PASSING THIS RIVER... WILL YOU PLEASE TAKE US ACROSS?

SOUL CARTEL
To be-continued

LINE Webtoon

Soul Cartel

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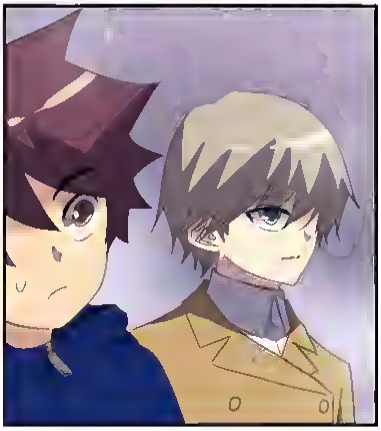
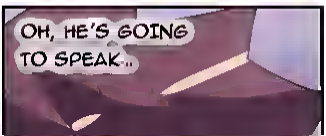
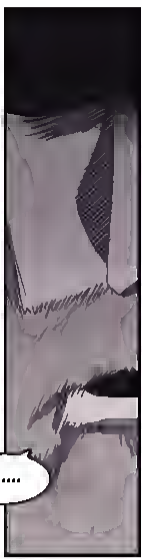
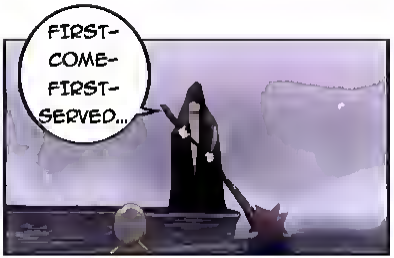
MR. CARON.
WILL YOU PLEASE HELP US CROSS THIS RIVER?




OH, HE'S GOING TO SPEAK..




FIRST-
COME-
FIRST-
SERVED...

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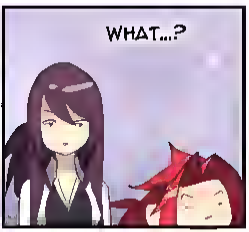
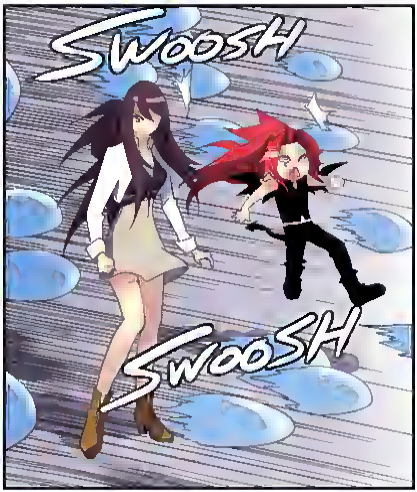

WHAT...?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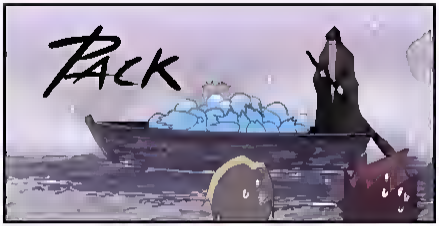
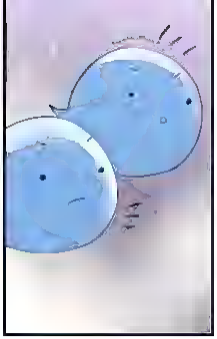
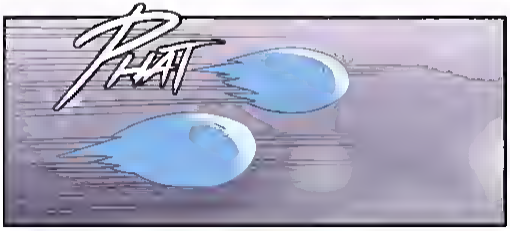

PACK

WAIT, WHAT! THAT WAS QUICK...
THAT WAS FAST...!
THEY ALL BOARDED ALREADY!!
THERE'S STILL A COUPLE OF SPOTS.




PHAT

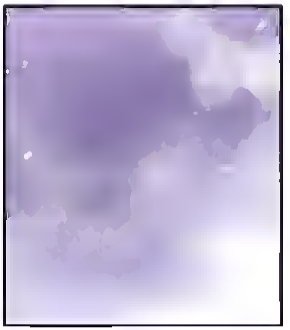
SWOOSH

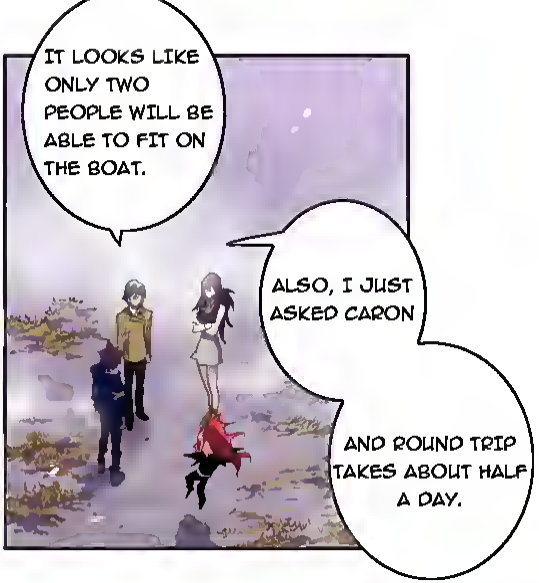
SCREECH

I GOT HERE FIRST!
SO THE VACANT SPOTS ARE ALL OURS!!

YOU GUYS GET ON THE NEXT ONE!
NO COMPLAINTS, RIGHT?!
ROAR
ARGHH
GASP

...ANYWAYS.
HA HA

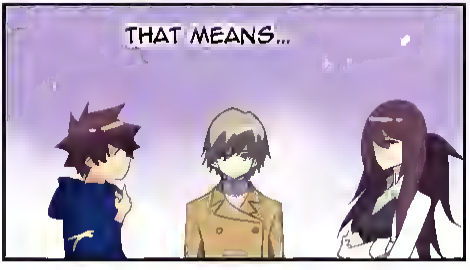



IT LOOKS LIKE ONLY TWO PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO FIT ON THE BOAT.
ALSO, I JUST ASKED CARON
AND ROUND TRIP TAKES ABOUT HALF A DAY.

WELL WHETHER WE'RE ON THE BOAT, OR NOT...
LEAVING THE SOULS ALONE GETS ME WORRIED.

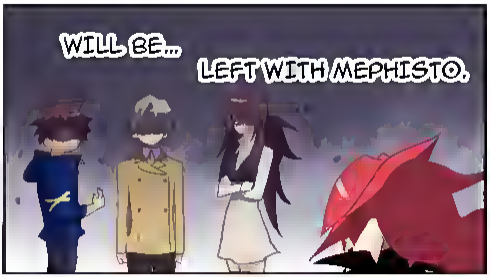
ME TOO.
SO TWO PEOPLE SHOULD GO FIRST,
AND THE REMAINING TWO CAN GO ON THE SECOND TRIP.
YEA, THAT SOUNDS GOOD.

THEN I GUESS WE SHOULD MAKE THE TWO TEAMS?

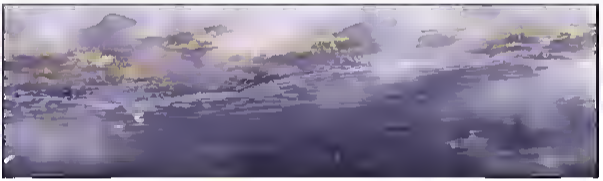

THAT MEANS...

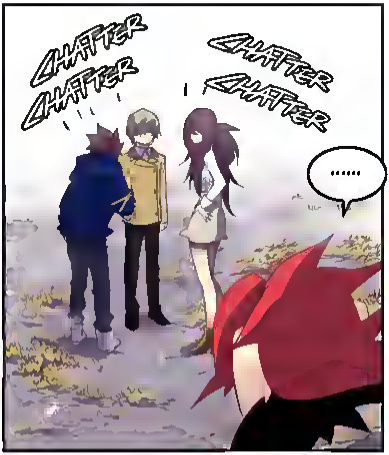
ONE OF US...

FLUTTER
FLUTTER


WILL BE...
LEFT WITH MEPHISTO.

?
WHAT?

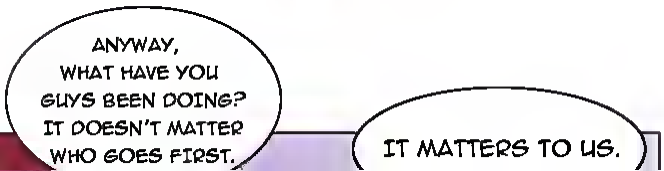



CHATTER CHATTER
CHATTER CHATTER
.....

WHAT ARE THEY DOING...?

MEPHISTO, WHEN DO YOU WANT TO GO?
TURN

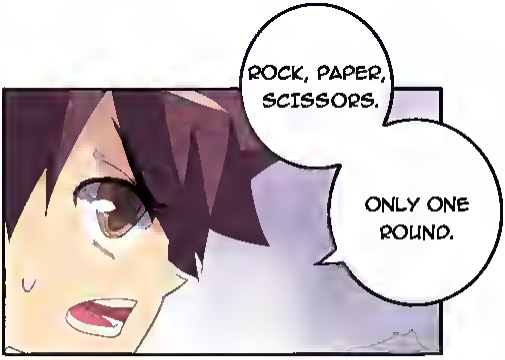
THE SECOND TEAM.
THERE'S TOO MANY SOULS ON THAT BOAT SO IT'S ANNOYING.
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WAIT NO MATTER WHAT...


ANYWAY, WHAT HAVE YOU GUYS BEEN DOING? IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO GOES FIRST.
IT MATTERS TO US.

SERIOUS

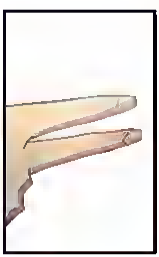
THEN
LET'S DECIDE
WITH ROCK, PAPER,
SCISSORS.

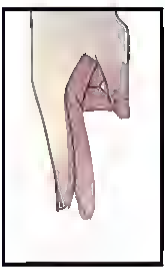
THE LOSER STAYS WITH MEPHISTO.

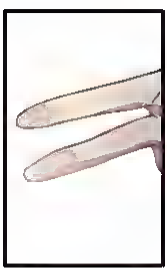

ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS.
ONLY ONE ROUND.

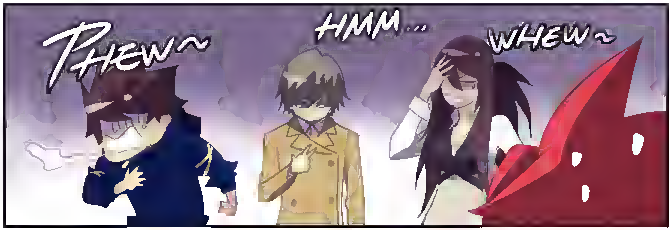
LET'S START!
ROCK...
PAPER...
SCISSORS!

PHAT



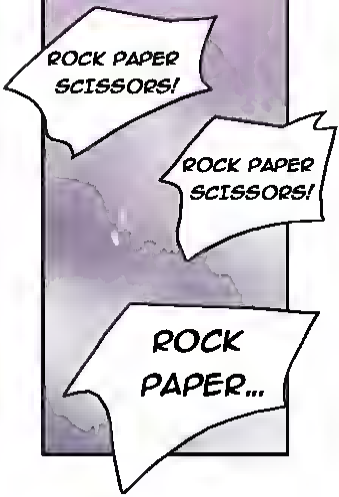




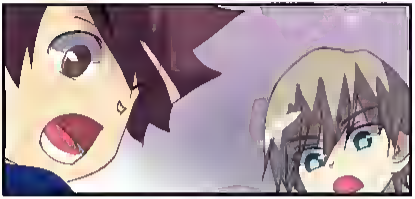

PHEW~
HMM..
WHEW~

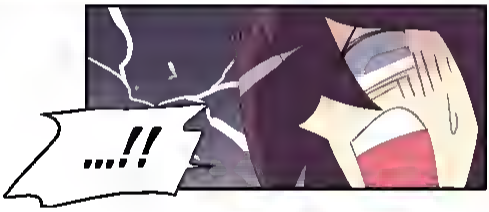
IF I LOSE NOW,
I GO WITH MEPHISTO..!!
THAT'S HELL!!
KEKEKEKE

I CAN'T
LOSE NOW!!


ROCK PAPER SCISSORS!
ROCK PAPER SCISSORS!
ROCK PAPER...

SCISSORS!!

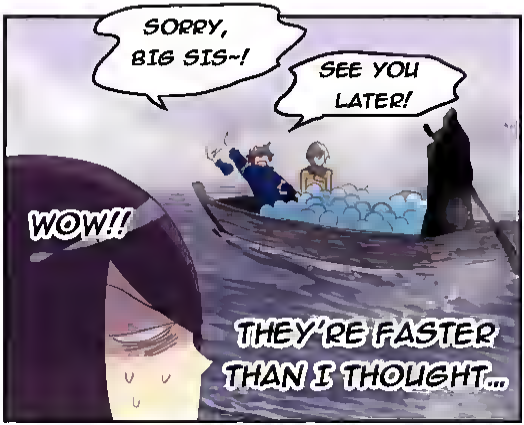


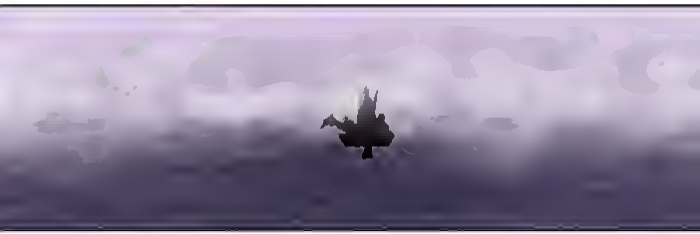

...!!

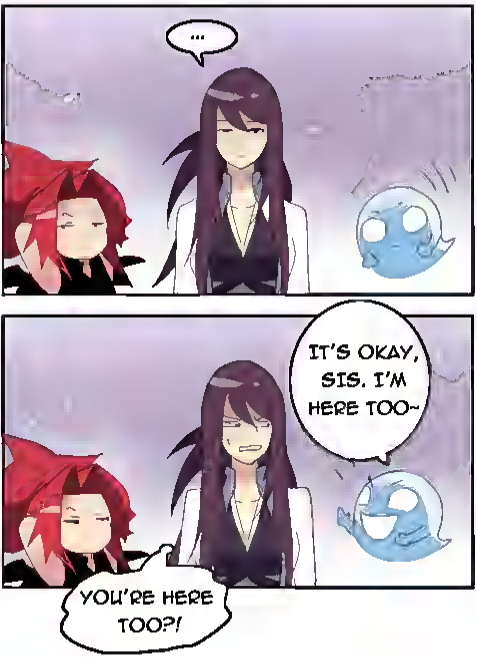
HURRAY!! WE WON~!!

CLAP
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

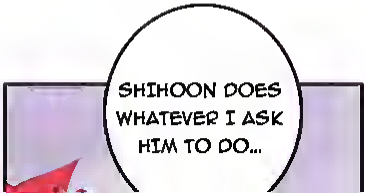
WAIT, YOU'RE STAYING WITH ME?
GASP
HEY, WAIT...!
SSH

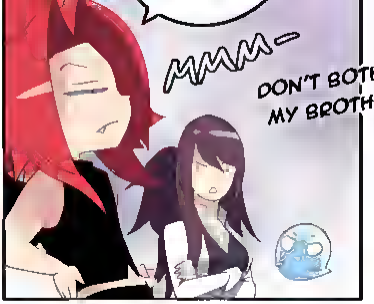

SORRY, BIG SIS~!
SEE YOU LATER!
WOW!!
THEY'RE FASTER THAN I THOUGHT...




...
IT'S OKAY, SIS. I'M HERE TOO~
YOU'RE HERE TOO?!

MAN~ I'M ALREADY BORED.
HEY, PSYCHIC. DO YOU KNOW OF ANYTHING FUN?
CAN'T YOU SEE?
THERE'S NOTHING FUN TO DO HERE...

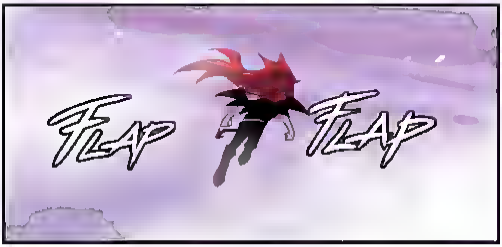

SHIHOON DOES WHATEVER I ASK HIM TO DO...

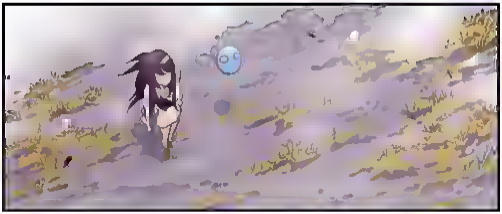

MMM—
DON'T BOTHER MY BROTHER!!

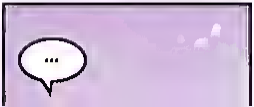
DO YOU KNOW OF ANYTHING FUNNY?
NO, I DON'T.
EH, YOU REALLY LIVE A BORING LIFE.
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM A DEMON...
EH! THERE'S NOTHING TO DO... I GUESS I'LL GO PLAY SOMEWHERE!

STRETCH

I'LL GO HAVE FUN DOING THIS AND THAT BEFORE COMING BACK...
WHAT IS HE PLANNING TO DO..?!
HEHEHE


FLAP
FLAP

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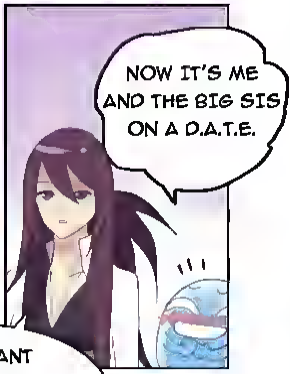
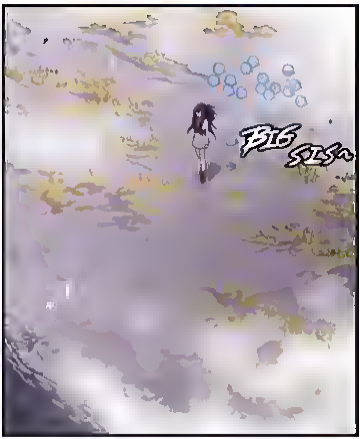
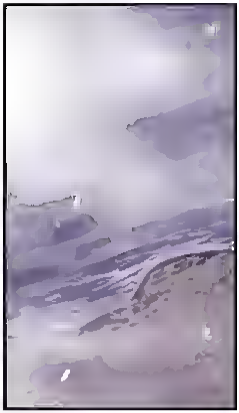
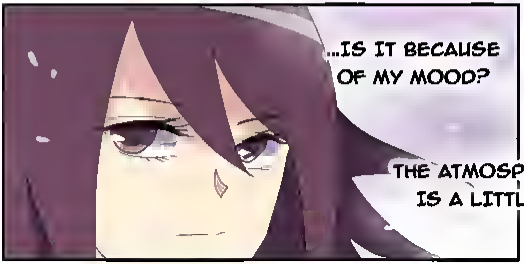

NOW IT'S ME AND THE BIG SIS ON A D.A.T.E.

DO YOU WANT TO GET FLATTENED OUT TILL THE BOAT COMES BACK?

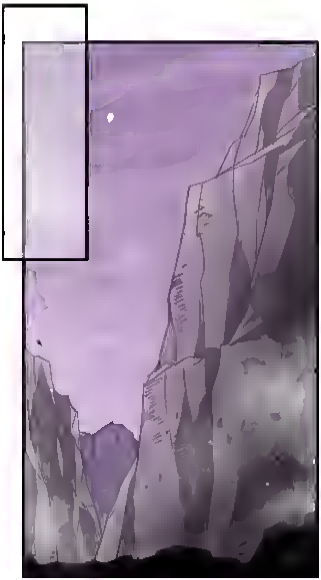

BIG SIS



WOOSH


...IS IT BECAUSE OF MY MOOD?
THE ATMOSPHERE IS A LITTLE...

WELL, IT'S ONLY A HALF DAY SO....
THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANYTHING TO HAPPEN...
I'M HERE! DO NOT WORRY!!!
WHAT-EVER...



CLANK

CLANK
CLANK

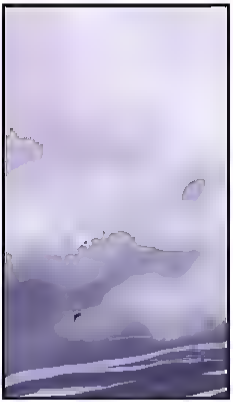
KRRRRRR...

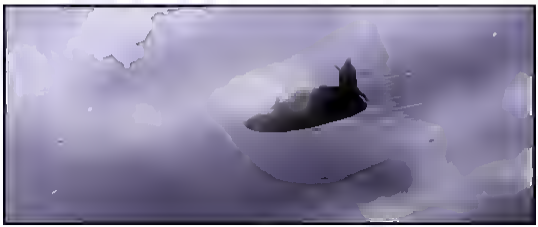
THIS...
IS A SMELL I HAVEN'T...

SMELLED IN A WHILE...
THERE'S A HUMAN NEARBY...
LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE ABLE TO TASTE SOME FRESH MEAT...
CLANK
CLANK

SOUL CARTEL
To be continued

LINE Webtoon





CREAK

CREAK
CREAK

CREAK
CREAK

THIS IS THE AKERON RIVER, RIGHT?
IT'S REALLY WIDE. I CAN ONLY SEE WATER.

CARON IS A COMPETENT BOATSMAN.
HE'S BEEN TAKING SOULS OVER BY BOAT FOR A VERY LONG TIME. SO... NO NEED TO WORRY.
FAUST, WE'RE GOING THE RIGHT WAY, RIGHT?
BUT IT'S SO FOGGY

GREAK
GREAK
GREAK
GREAK
GREAK
GREAK
TRYING
HARD

I THINK HE HEARD US...
YEA.

HEY, FAUST.
CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
YEA?
IN YOUR PREVIOUS LIFE,
YOU HAD ALREADY MADE A DEAL WITH MEPHISTO AND GONE ON AN ADVENTURE...
I READ YOUR STORY IN THE BOOK BECAUSE OF MEPHISTO BUT... HOW WAS IT...?

...

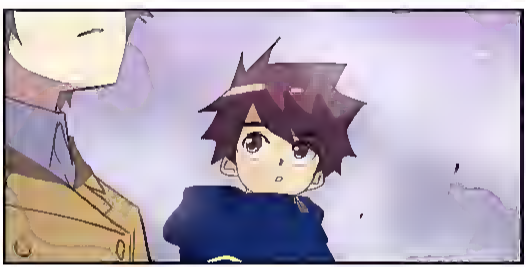
SIGH...
A LOT OF THINGS DID HAPPEN...
EVEN NOW...
MY GUILT CAN NEVER BE WASHED AWAY...

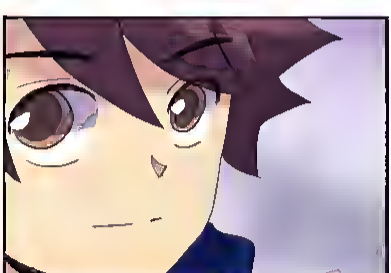
WELL, YOU CAN GUESS WHAT IT MEANS IF I TELL YOU THAT EVEN GOD WAS INTERESTED IN THE FIGHT BETWEEN A DEMON AND ME.
NO NEED FOR EXPLANATION, RIGHT?
AHAHA
YEA, YEA SURE.

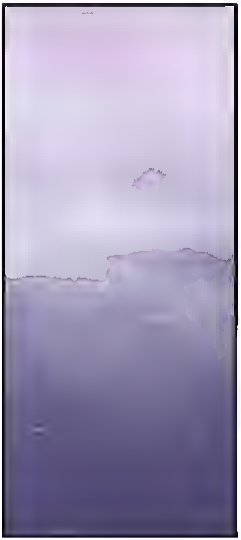
THEN...
WHAT'S THE DEAL THIS TIME ABOUT?

...500 YEARS AGO, MEPHISTO WAS TO MAKE ME CORRUPT,
BUT NOW, I'M TRYING TO REHABILITATE HIM...
I CAN'T BE SURE ABOUT ANYTHING.
YOU CAN'T BEAT A DEMON WITH JUST CONFIDENCE
BUT I DON'T WANT TO LOSE.

THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO DO WHATEVER I CAN.







I HOPE
MY SIS IS OKAY...
SSH

Soul Cartel

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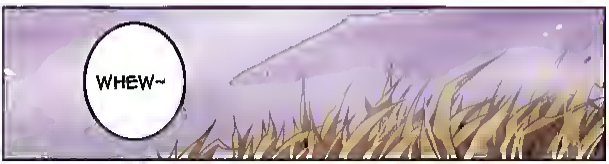
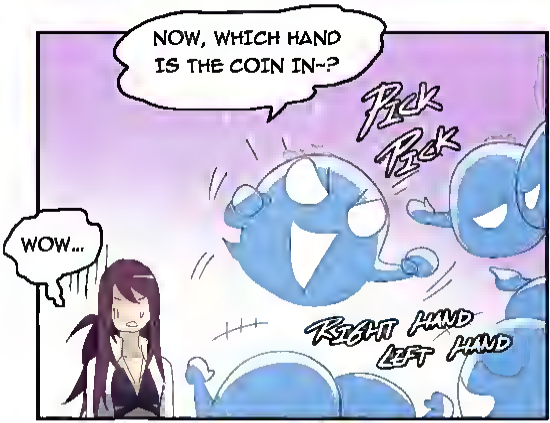


SIGH~.
SHIHOON AND FAUST SHOULD BE OKAY, RIGHT?
MEPHISTO GOING OFF ON HIS OWN DOES MAKE THINGS MORE COMFORTABLE BUT...
TIME REALLY ISN'T GOING BY...
CHATTER
CHATTER

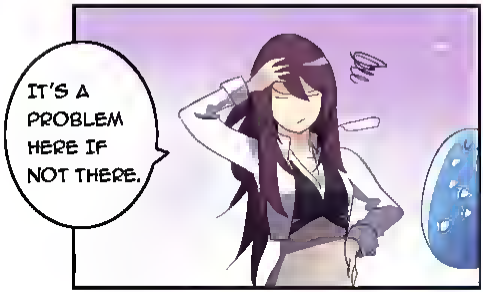
?

WHAT THE, WHY ARE THEY SO NOISY?

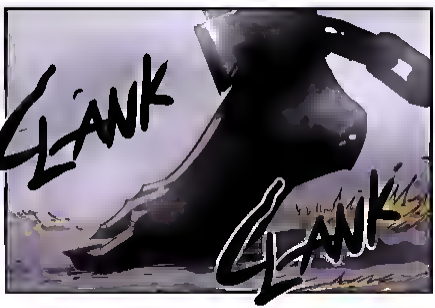

NOW, WHICH HAND IS THE COIN IN~?
Pick Pick
WOW...
RIGHT HAND
LEFT HAND

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING!
WHY ARE YOU GAMBLING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?!
AGH!
GASP!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO A ROUND~?
WHICH
SHUT IT.


IT'S A PROBLEM HERE IF NOT THERE.

CLANK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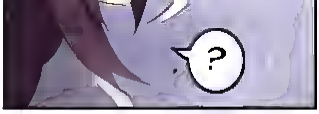
BIG SIS...!!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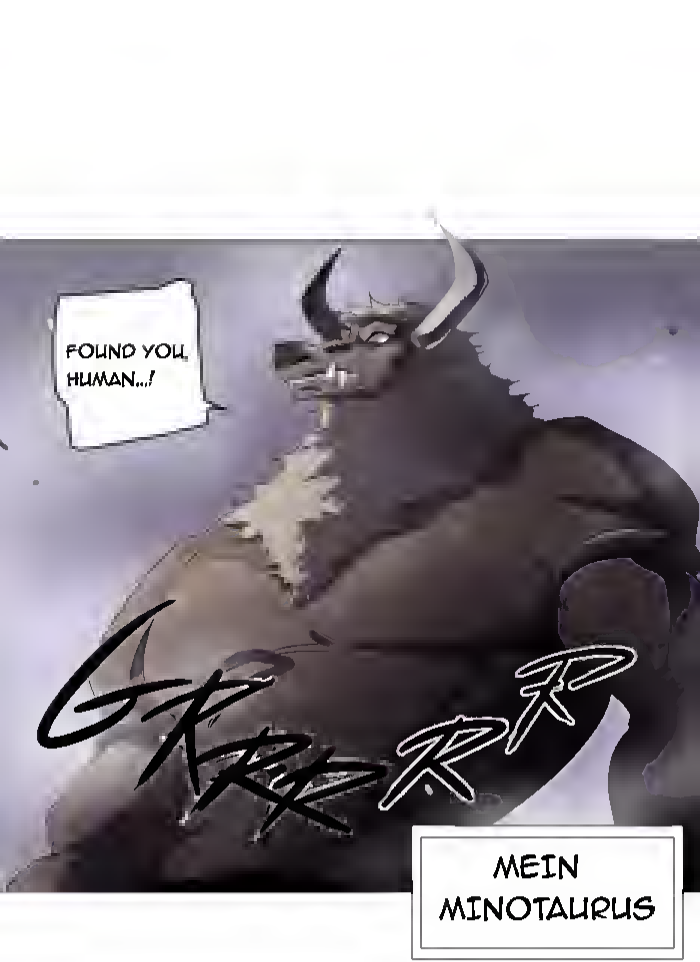
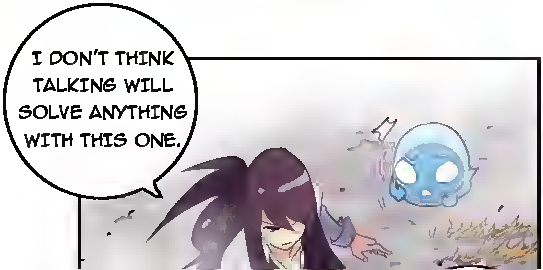
GROWL



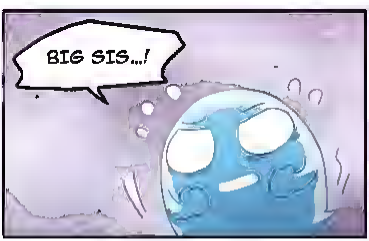
MEIN MINOTAURUS

IT'S BEEN A
LONG TIME SINCE I'VE BEEN ABLE TO TASTE HUMAN MEAT...
GROWL


I DON'T THINK TALKING WILL SOLVE ANYTHING WITH THIS ONE.

HURRY AND GET THE SOULS AND GET AWAY FROM HERE.

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THINGS HERE...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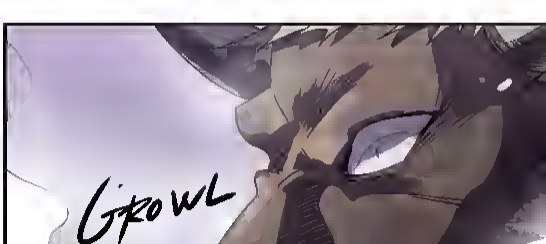
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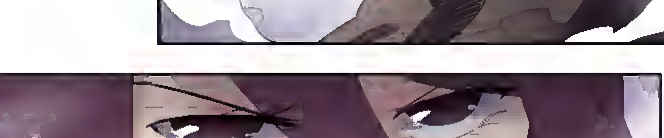

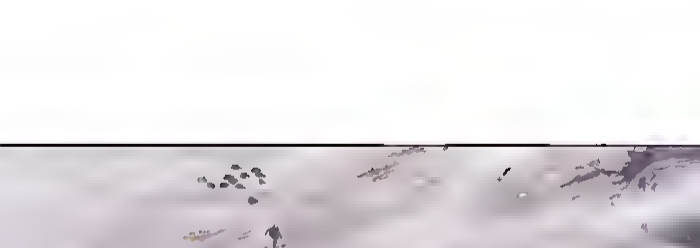

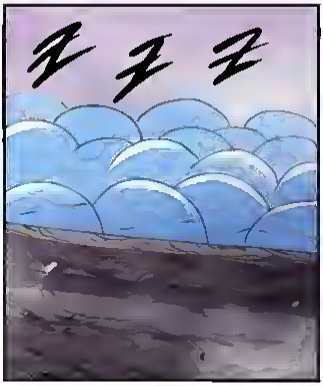
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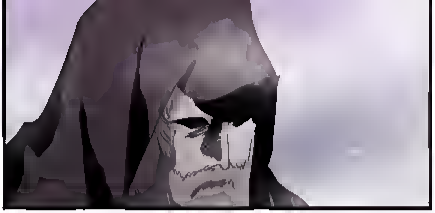
SNORE~

DROOP
DROOP

CREAK
CREAK

CREAAK



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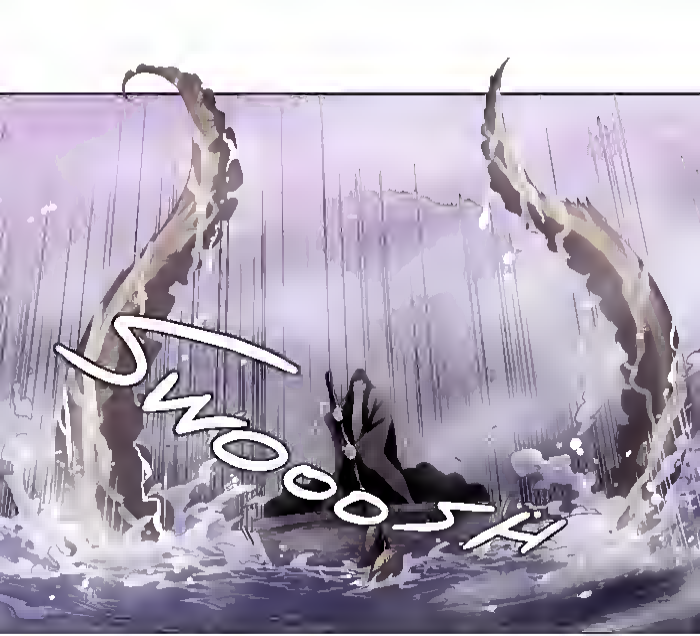
GRAB


SWOOSH

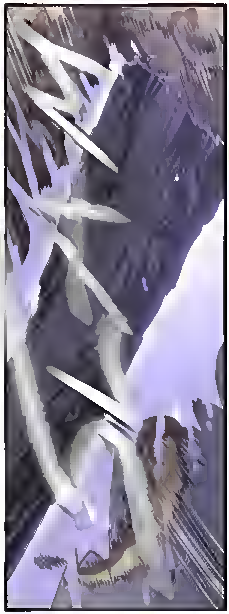
KARGHHHHHH!!
!
GASP
...!!
SWISH

SWOOSH
AHHHHH!!!

SHIHOON!!

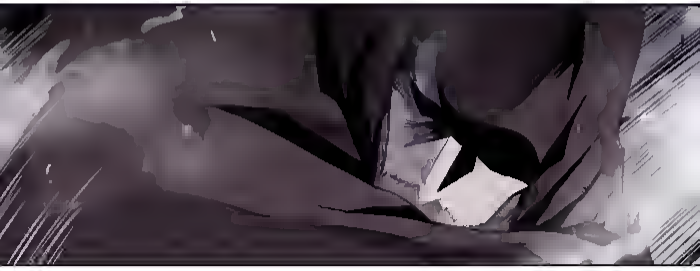
GRAB

GRRRR



SHOOO
SHOOOO

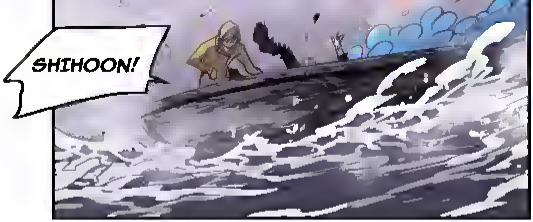
WHOOSH



SMACK

AHHH..!!

THUMP
AHHH..!!


SHIHOON!

SHIHOON, ARE YOU OKAY?!
OWW~
WHAT, WHAT IS THAT THING?!

THE UNDERWORLD MONSTER...
OCPUS...

HE DOESN'T USUALLY LIVE IN AKERON RIVER...
DID HE WANDER HERE...
...

SSSHHH

GRRRR

SOUL CARTEL
To be continued

LINE Webtoon

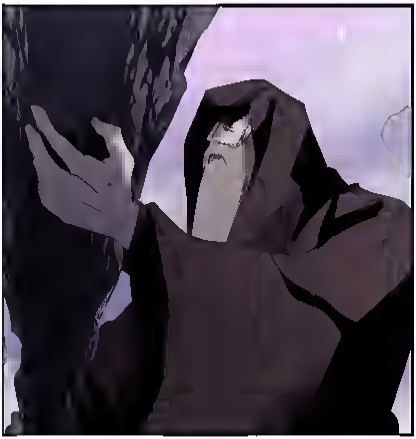
SSH

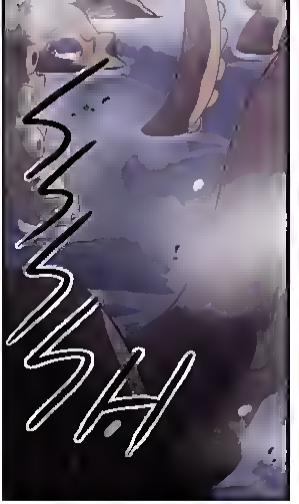
SSSSSSH

UGH~ HOW MANY OF THEM ARE THERE?!
ARE THEY ALL TRYING TO ATTACK US?!!
...

OH WELL...
SSH

LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE TO FIGHT...
THAT

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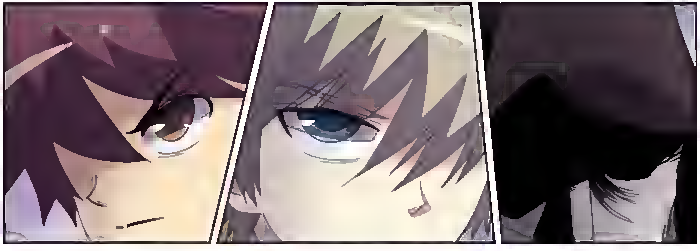

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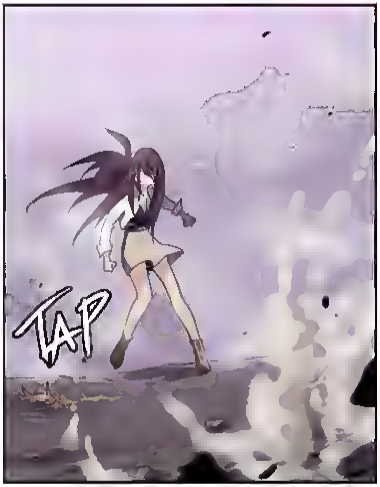
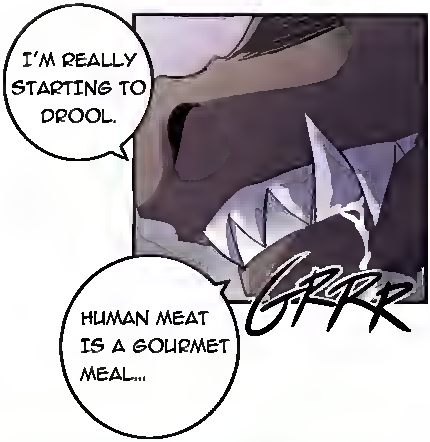
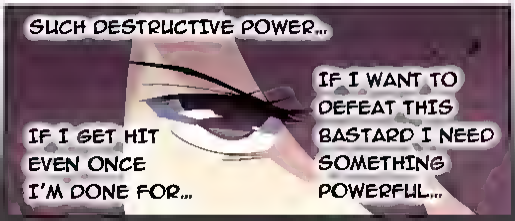
BOOM
RUMBLE


TAP

HAHAHA.
QUITE FAST.


I'M REALLY STARTING TO DROOL.
GRRR
HUMAN MEAT IS A GOURMET MEAL...

I WON'T EVEN LEAVE THE BONES...
AND EAT THEM ALL UP
GRRRRR


SUCH DESTRUCTIVE POWER...
IF I WANT TO DEFEAT THIS BASTARD I NEED SOMETHING POWERFUL...
IF I GET HIT EVEN ONCE I'M DONE FOR...

'THE FIVE RINGS'

THE SKILL I TRIED ON MEPHISTO FOR THE FIRST TIME...
OUT OF ALL MY TECHNIQUES THIS IS THE STRONGEST...
BUT IT WAS ONLY SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE MEPHISTO JUST STOOD THERE AND TOOK IT..
I'M NOT CONFIDENT IF IT'LL WORK IN A REAL ENCOUNTER..
ALSO...
WHEN I CAME TO THE UNDERWORLD BEFORE...
I KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE...

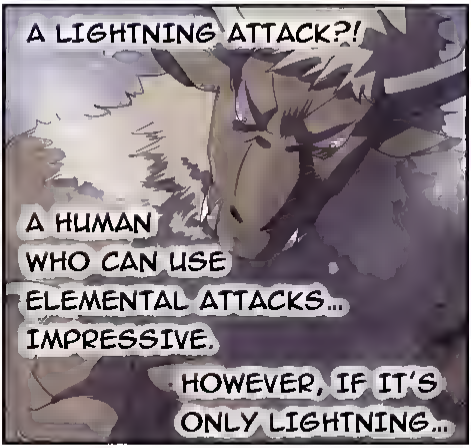
MEINS HAVE AN "ELEMENTAL WEAKNESS"...

KAHAHAHAHA!!

LIGHTNING BURST!
FLING
PUT
ENEMY

PZZZT
?!

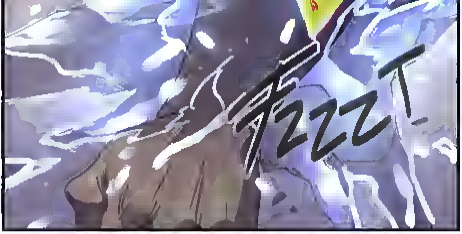
WHAT, WHAT WAS THAT...?
TAP


A LIGHTNING ATTACK?!
A HUMAN WHO CAN USE ELEMENTAL ATTACKS... IMPRESSIVE.
HOWEVER, IF IT'S ONLY LIGHTNING...

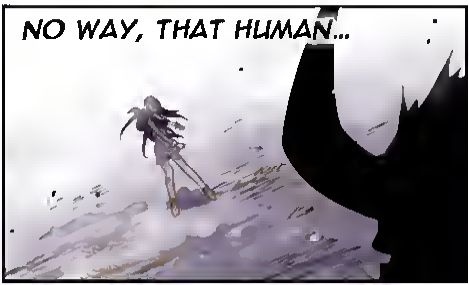
FLING
ENEMY

ICE BLAST!
FREEZE
!!

FZZT


ZZZT

UGH...!
NOW
WATER?!

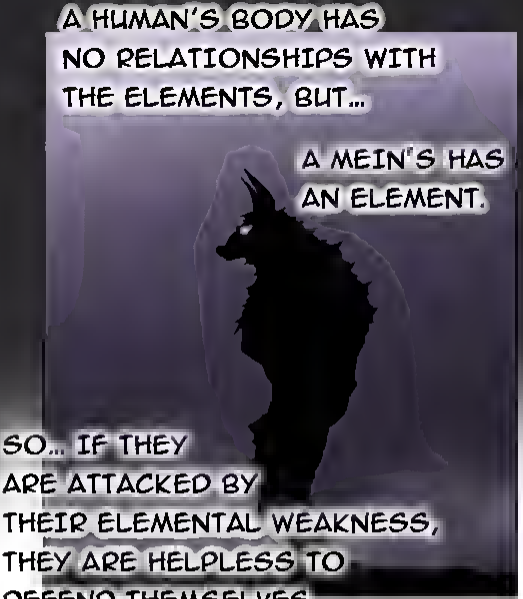

NO WAY, THAT HUMAN...

CAN SHE USE
ALL 5 ELEMENTS?!

HUMPH!
CLASH

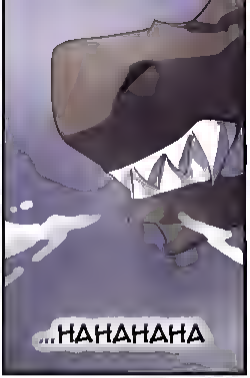
THIS...
HAS BECOME
TROUBLESOME...

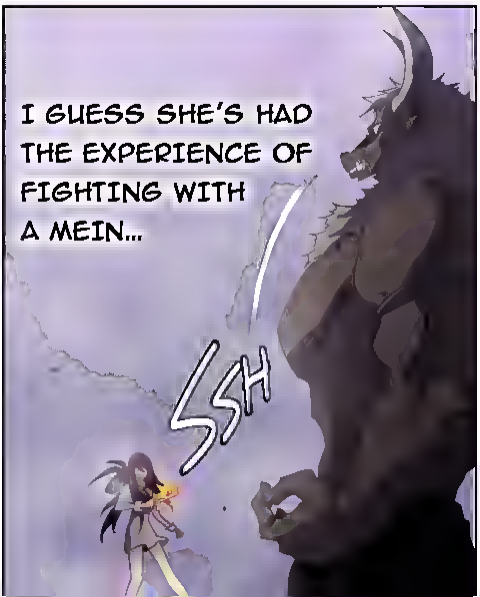
THE 5 ELEMENTS.
AND THEIR RESISTANCES...
LIGHTNING IS STRONG AGAINST WATER...
WATER IS STRONG AGAINST FIRE...
FIRE IS WIND...
WIND IS EARTH...
AND EARTH IS STRONG AGAINST LIGHTNING.

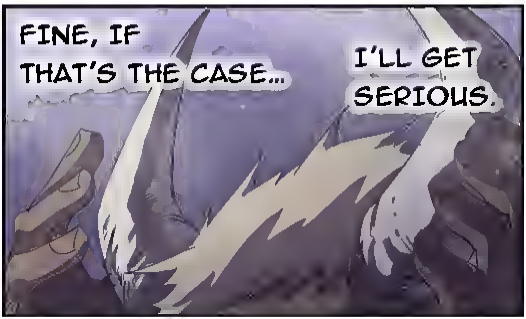

A HUMAN'S BODY HAS NO RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE ELEMENTS, BUT...
A MEIN'S HAS AN ELEMENT.
SO... IF THEY ARE ATTACKED BY THEIR ELEMENTAL WEAKNESS, THEY ARE HELPLESS TO DEFEND THEMSELVES.

THAT HUMAN...
THAT'S WHAT SHE AIMED FOR...

THE LIGHTNING AND WATER ATTACKS SHE JUST USED...
WERE TO FIGURE OUT MY WEAKNESS...?!
FLARE


...HAHAHAHA


I GUESS SHE'S HAD THE EXPERIENCE OF FIGHTING WITH A MEIN...
SSH


FINE, IF THAT'S THE CASE...
I'LL GET SERIOUS.

GRAB

CLENCH

GROWL

ROARRR
RRRRR!!!

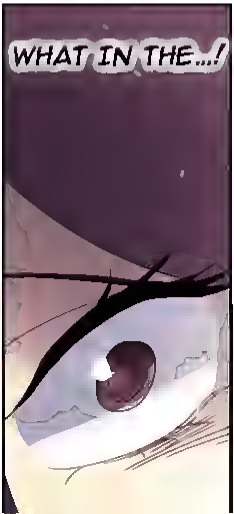
CRACK
CRACK

CRACKLE

?!

WHACK

CLENCH


WHAT IN THE...!

HE TOOK OFF HIS HORNS WITH HIS OWN HANDS...?!!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE MADE THIS.
MY WEAPON.
TAP

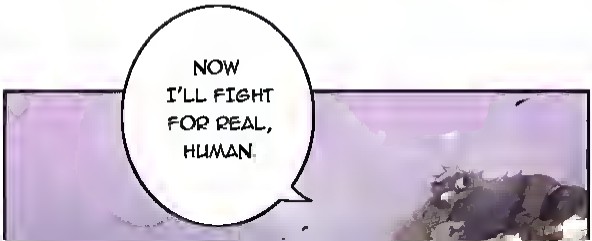
Swoop

HORN SPEAR
角用槍

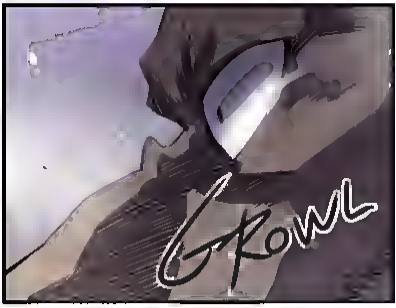
GROWL

!!
A SPEAR MADE OF HIS HORNS?!

FLINCH


NOW I'LL FIGHT FOR REAL, HUMAN.

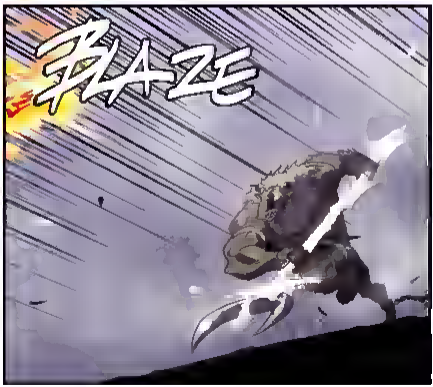
TAP


GROWL

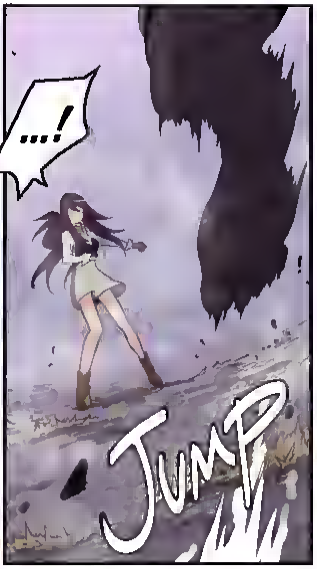
CLANK

TA PA
DA
DA
DA DA

FIRE BLAST!
THAT


BLAZE

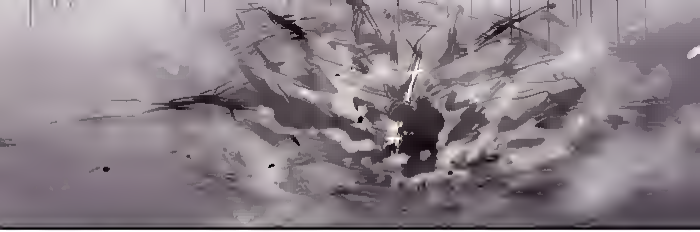
ROAR!!
ZOOSH

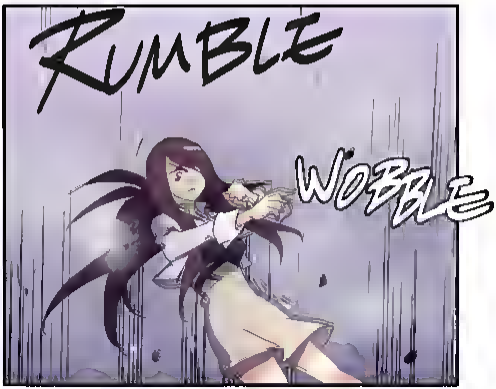

...!
JUMP

WHOOOSH

KA
BAM

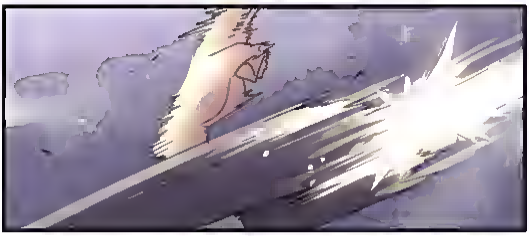
RUMMMMBLE




RUMBLE
WOBBLE

UGHH!
FLOP

CRAP...!
DAMMIT!
PAAT



ズズズ

BLAZE

HAHAHA.
TO THINK OF ATTACKING AT THAT MOMENT IS IMPRESSIVE.
FSSSH

BUT...

NOW IT'S TIME TO MAKE A MEAL OF YOU...!

HAHAHAHAHA

SOUL CARTEL
To be continued

LINE Webtoon

SHOOSH.

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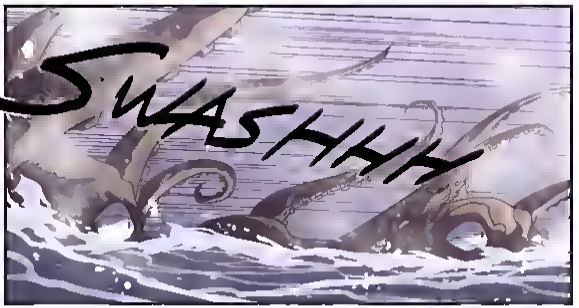
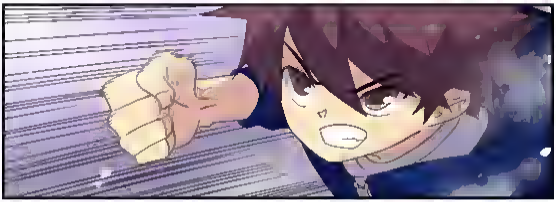
AKERON
RIVER.
SPLASH


SWASHHH

WHOOM
TWA-KKKK

HSTMS

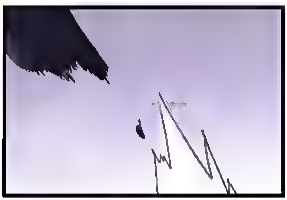
SHOOSH



KA-BOW
POW

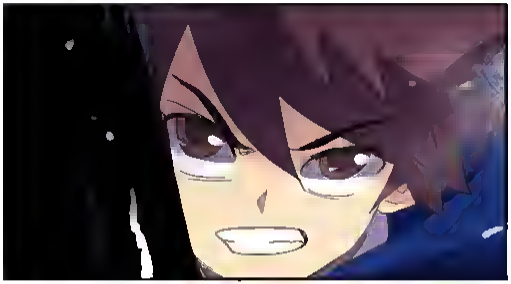
WHIP

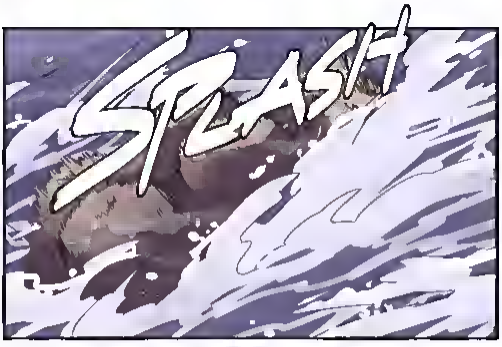
!

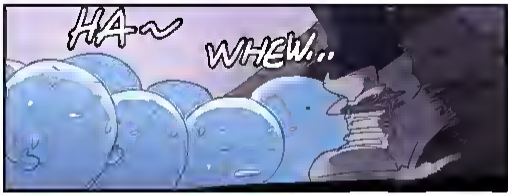


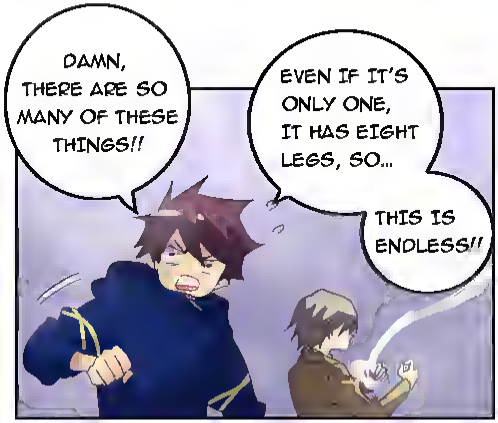
STEP
STEP
TAP

POW
HIYAH!




SPLASH!


HA~
WHEW...


DAMN, THERE ARE SO MANY OF THESE THINGS!!
EVEN IF IT'S ONLY ONE, IT HAS EIGHT LEGS, SO...
THIS IS ENDLESS!!

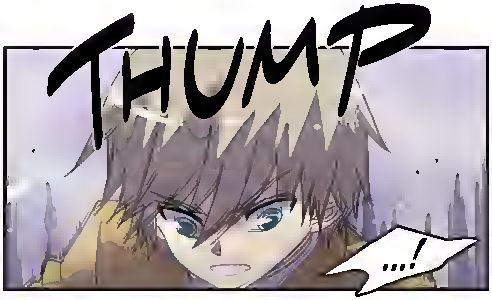
I DON'T THINK THIS FIGHT WILL EVER END!

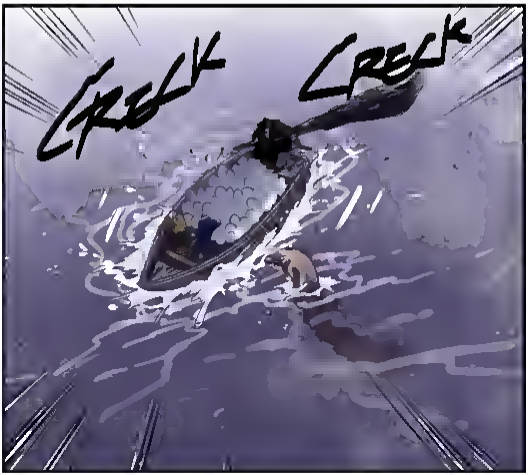
...

THUMP
!!

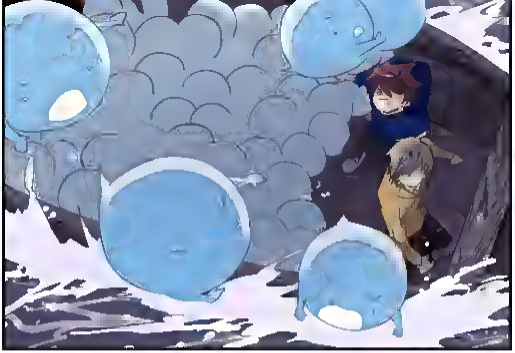
RUMBLE

THEY'RE TRYING TO MAKE US FALL INTO THE WATER!!
EVERYONE HOLD ON TIGHT!!


THUMP
...!


CREEK
CREEK

TUMBLE



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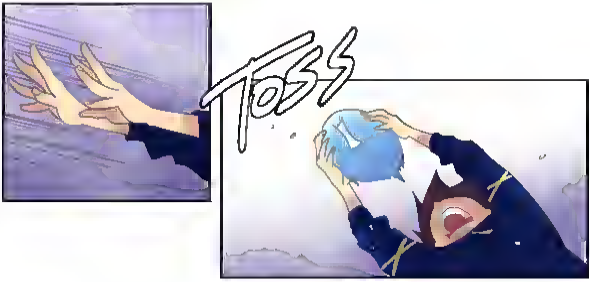
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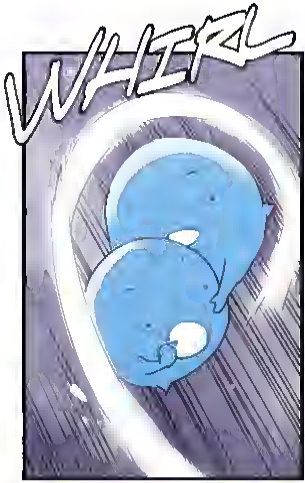
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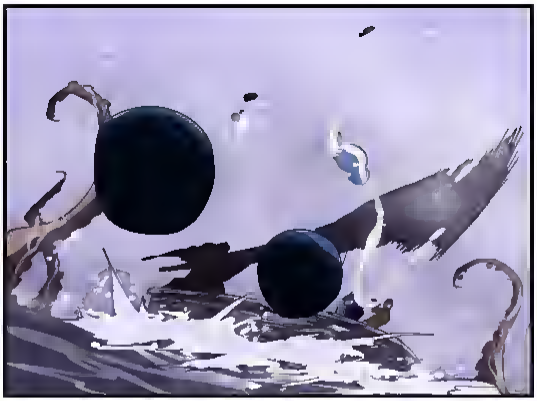
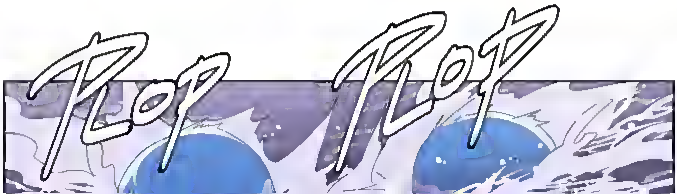
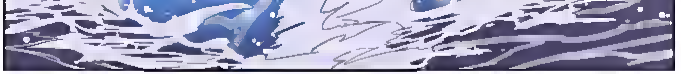
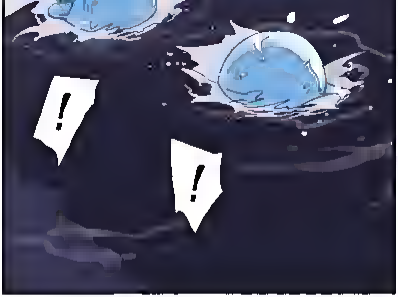



Plop
Plop



THEY FELL...!

KYAHHH!!
SPLASH
SPLASH
SSSH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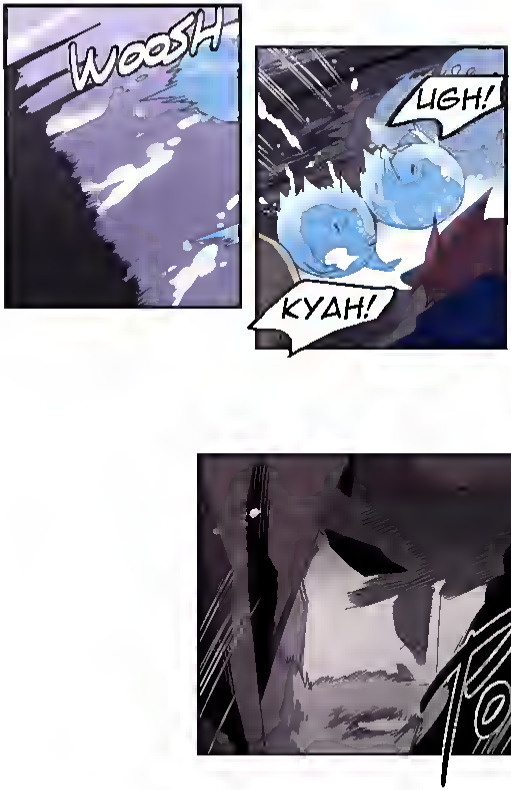
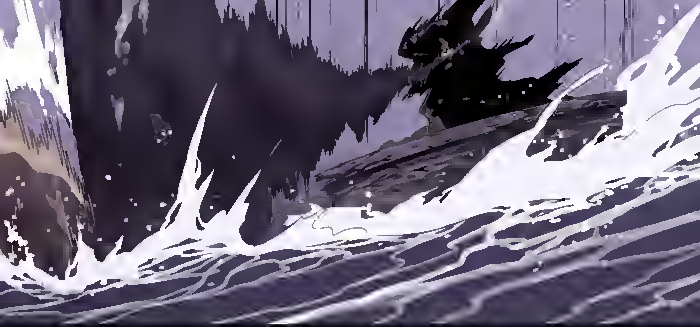
SWOOOSH
CARON!!

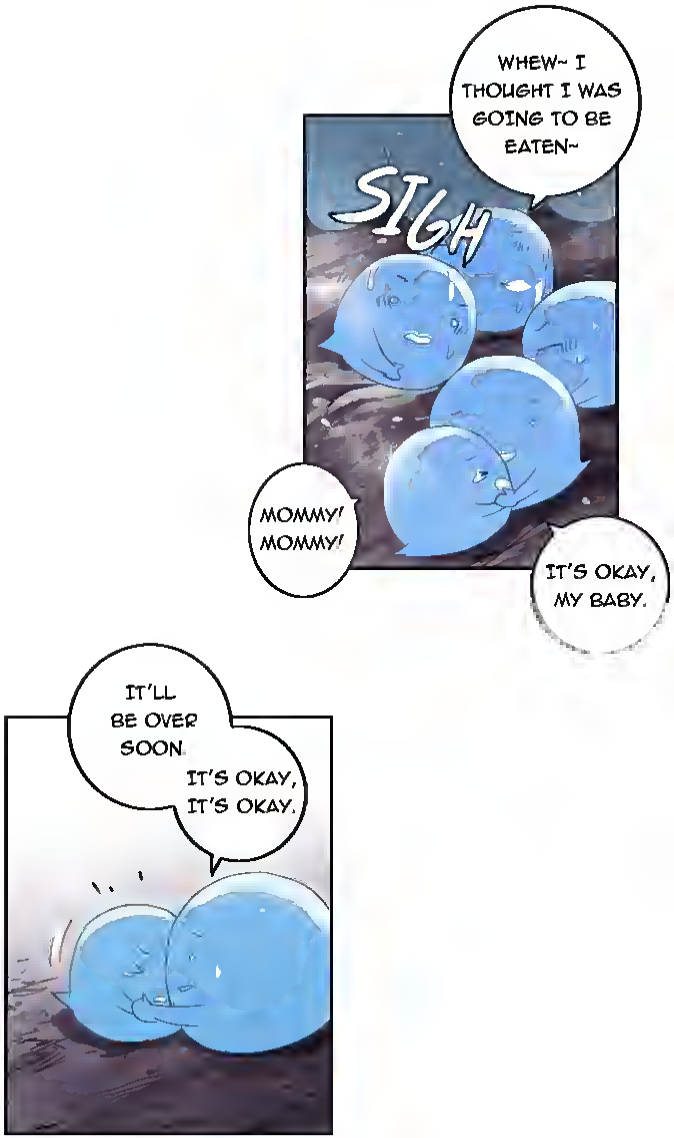

WOOSH
UGH!
KYAH!
POW

GROWL

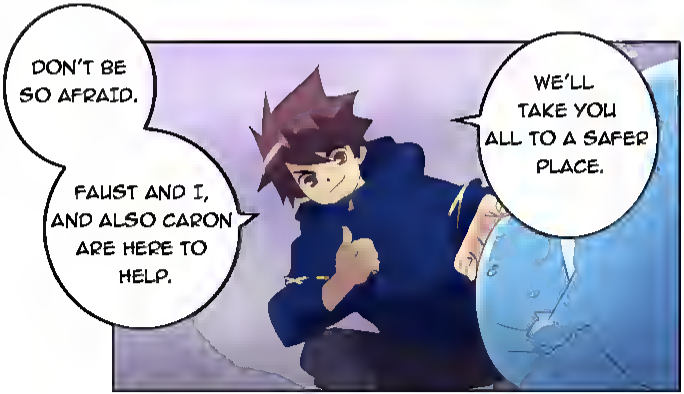
BAM

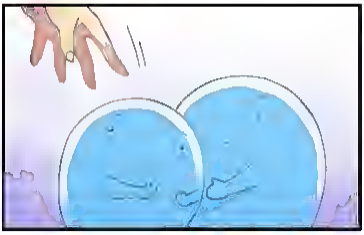


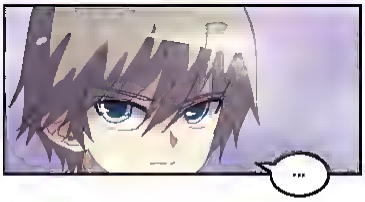
WINCH
WINCH
WINCH


WHEW~ I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO BE EATEN~
SIGH
MOMMY! MOMMY!
IT'S OKAY, MY BABY.
IT'LL BE OVER SOON.
IT'S OKAY, IT'S OKAY.

PAT


DON'T BE SO AFRAID.
FAUST AND I, AND ALSO CARON ARE HERE TO HELP.
WE'LL TAKE YOU ALL TO A SAFER PLACE.

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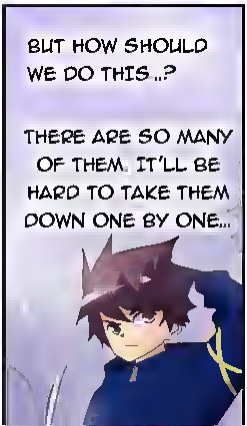
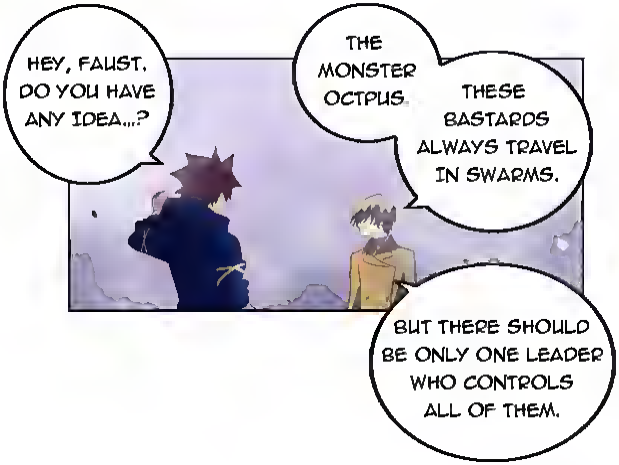
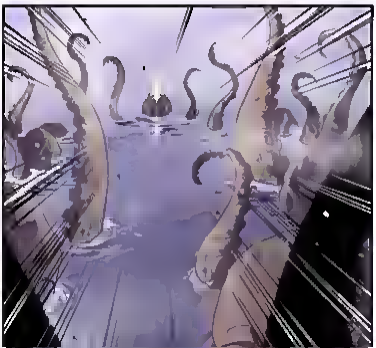
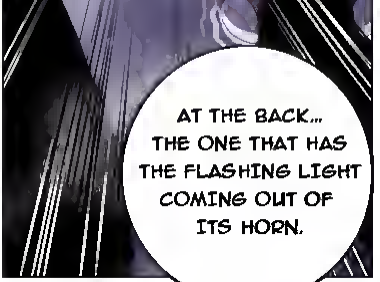

BUT HOW SHOULD WE DO THIS ..?
THERE ARE SO MANY OF THEM. IT'LL BE HARD TO TAKE THEM DOWN ONE BY ONE...


HEY, FAUST. DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA...?
THE MONSTER OCTPUS.
THESE BASTARDS ALWAYS TRAVEL IN SWARMS.
BUT THERE SHOULD BE ONLY ONE LEADER WHO CONTROLS ALL OF THEM.
REALLY?!

WHO'S THAT?!
...THAT ONE

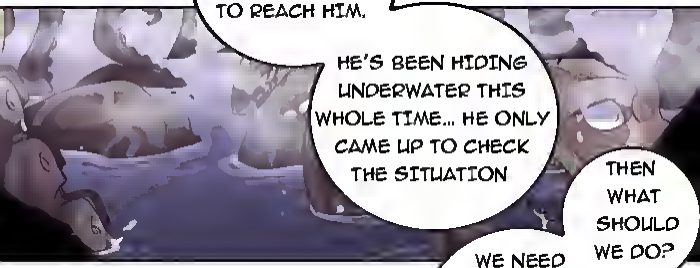



AT THE BACK...
THE ONE THAT HAS
THE FLASHING LIGHT
COMING OUT OF
ITS HORN.

HE CONTROLS
THE REST OF THESE
GUYS WITH THE LIGHT
COMING FROM ITS
HORN.
IF WE DEFEAT
THE LEADER,
THE OTHERS WILL
GO AWAY ON
THEIR OWN.

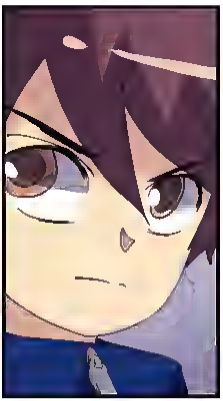
THEN IT'S EASY. FAUST, YOU'RE SAYING ALL I HAVE TO DO IS DEFEAT THAT ONE?

THE PROBLEM IS THAT IT WON'T BE EASY TO REACH HIM.


HE'S BEEN HIDING UNDERWATER THIS WHOLE TIME... HE ONLY CAME UP TO CHECK THE SITUATION
THEN WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
WE NEED TO HURRY AND GET HIM BEFORE HE HIDES AGAIN...

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY...

WE HAVE TO ATTACK ALL AT ONCE WHEN IT SHOWS AN OPENING

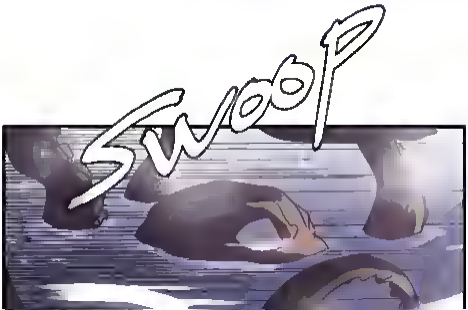


THEN I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU TO DO AS I SAID.
ARE YOU READY?
YUP, LEAVE IT TO ME.
I'LL DEFEAT IT IN ONE BLOW WITH MY SKILL! JUST LET ME KNOW WHEN TO UNLEASH!!
GRIP

HOWEVER...
GOD'S PAPYRUS WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE USED AS AN OFFENSIVE SKILL,
SO IT'S NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO KNOCK IT OUT IN ONE BLOW...
BUT SHIHOON'S ATTACK WHICH EVEN WORKED ON MEPHISTO...,
IT WILL WORK.

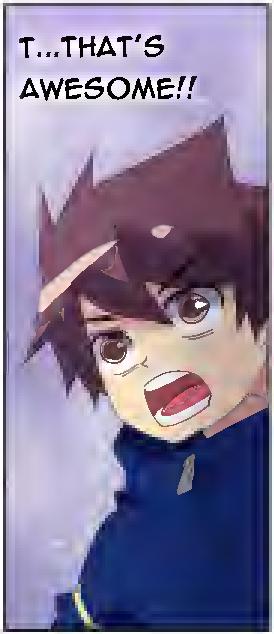
THEN, WHAT I NEED TO DO IS..
BRINGING HIM CLOSER...!
WHOOSH
GOD'S PAPYRUS

Swoop

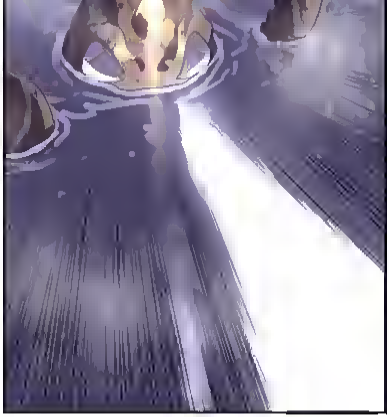

Swoop

SWOOOSH

WOOOSH


T...THAT'S
AWESOME!!

HE'S NAVIGATING THROUGH ALL THOSE LEGS!!
AND... IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S A STEP AHEAD OF THE MONSTER'S MOVEMENTS...!!

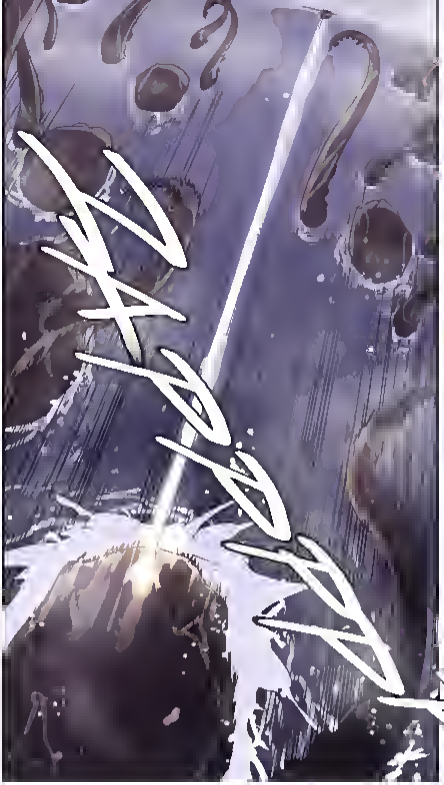


SNATCH

ZOOOM

I WON'T LET IT GET AWAY!!
GRID
AT THAT TIME...
I WAS DRAGGED BY MEPHISTO'S STRENGTH, BUT...

SOMETHING OF YOUR
LEVEL IS EASY FOR ME!!

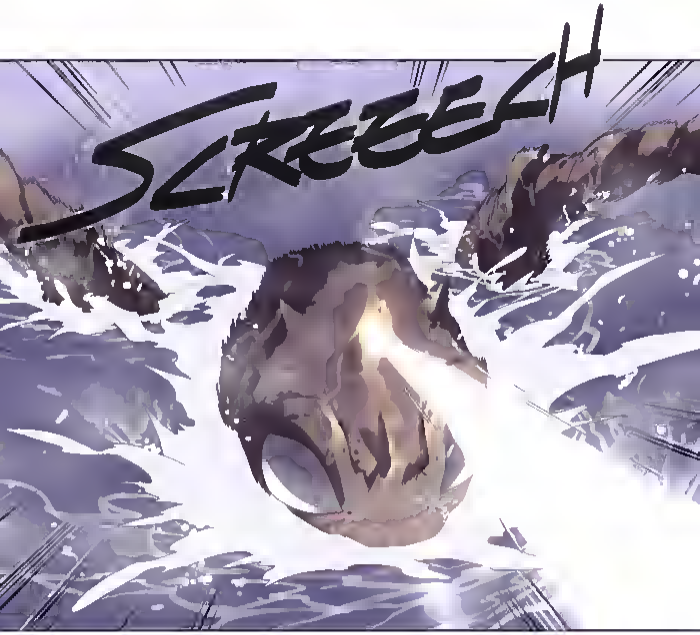

KA-BOOOOM

ALL RIGHT!
IT'S COMING!!

NOW, JUST ONE FINAL BLOW WILL...!!

!!

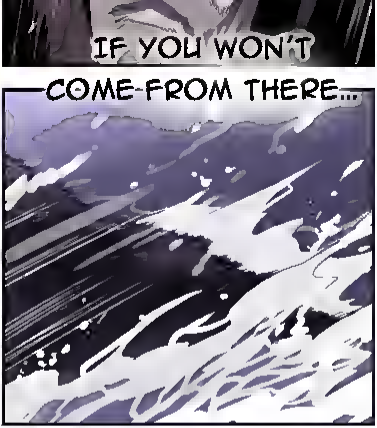
GRAB
GRAB

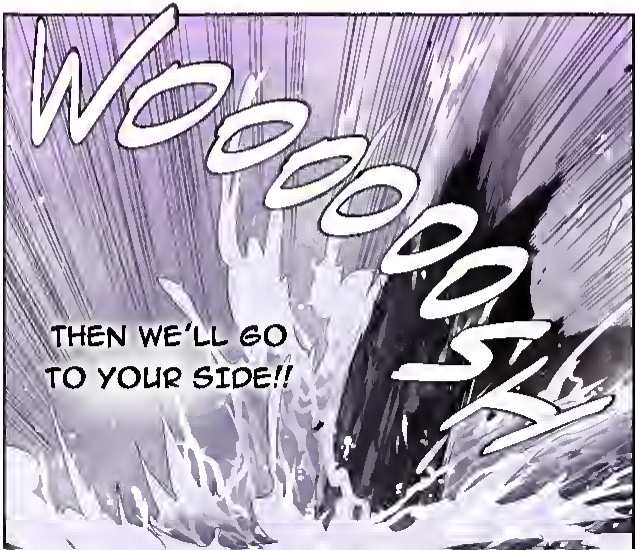

SCREECH

DAMMIT!!
THE OTHER ONES ARE HOLDING ONTO IT!!

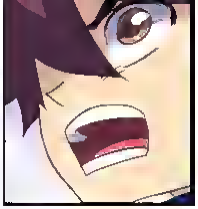
IT WON'T MATTER HOW MUCH IT STRUGGLES...
I HAVE ANOTHER TRICK UP MY SLEEVE.

CARON!!
WHROOM


IF YOU WON'T
COME FROM THERE...


WOOOOSH
THEN WE'LL GO
TO YOUR SIDE!!

SWOOSH



Swoop
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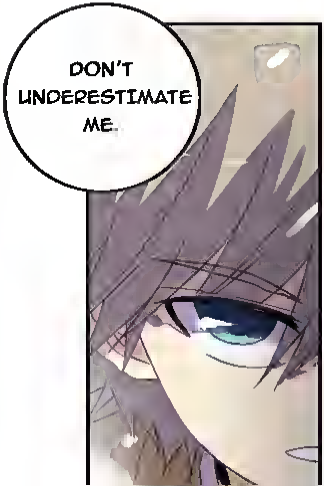
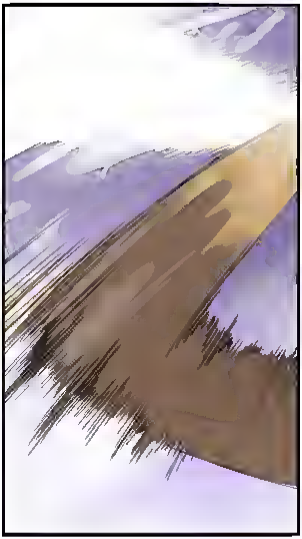
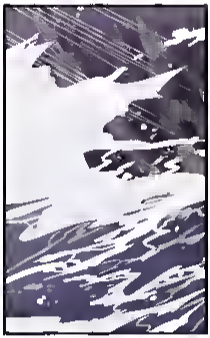

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE ME.



YOU CAN'T BLOCK ME WITH THAT...!
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP



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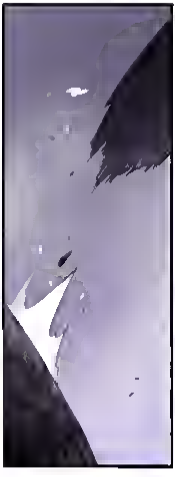
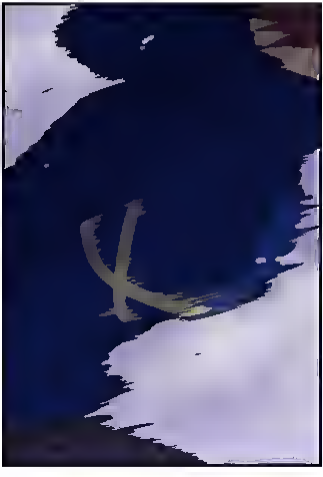
IT'S HERE!!
SHIHOON!!
NOW!!
TAP





PZZT
PZZT
NOW'S MY CHANCE...

SUMMON ALL MY STRENGTH...
AND
EXPLODE IT
IN ONE BLOW...!!

SOUL CARTEL
To be continued

LINE Webtoon

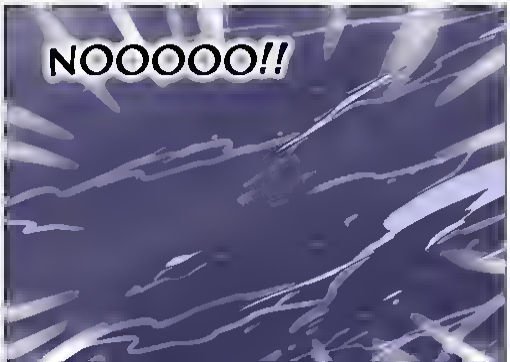
KA BAM

RUMBLE

YES!!
I DID IT!!

HUH...?!

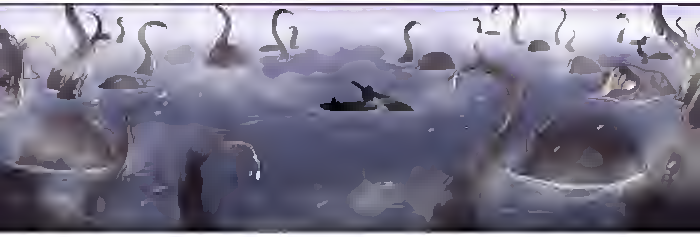
OOPS!!!
WIGGLE
WIGGLE
I CAN'T MOVE MY BODY AGAIN...!!!


NOOOOO!!

WAS

FULL

FAUST!!



SSSSSH

ALL THE OCTOPUS MONSTERS ARE GONE!!
NICE!

AND I CAN MOVE AGAIN.
GRIP
GRIP

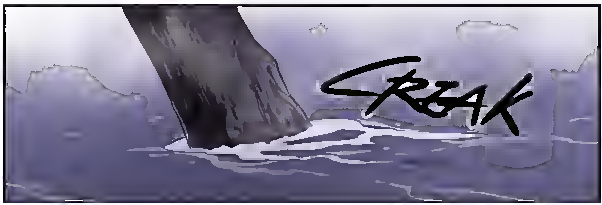
THANK YOU.
YOU SAVED US ALL.

OH... WELL...
I ONLY DID WHAT I HAD TO DO.
HAHAHA

AND I ONLY DID WHAT FAUST TOLD ME TO DO...

THAT'S NOT TRUE.
IF YOU AND CARON WEREN'T HERE, THERE WAS NO WAY I COULD HAVE THOUGHT OF SUCH STRATEGY...

RIGHT!
CARON, THANKS!
THAT BLOODY OAR ATTACK WAS AWESOME!
Good!


CRRAK

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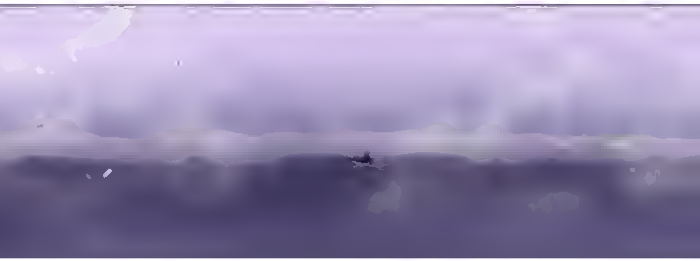

Soul Cartel

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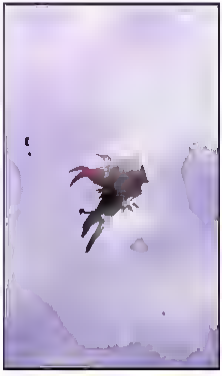
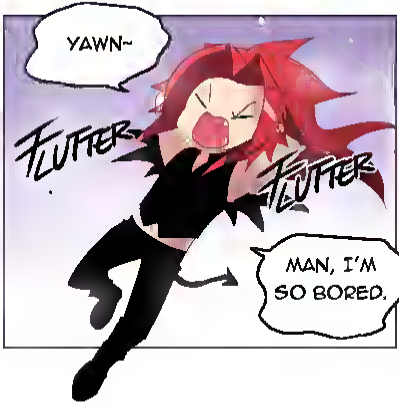
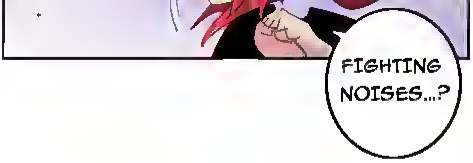



YAWN~
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
MAN, I'M SO BORED.

I WAS HOPING TO MEET SOME SLOPPY HUNTERS LIKE BEFORE TO PLAY WITH...
I CAN'T EVEN GO FAR BECAUSE OF ALL THIS FOG ..

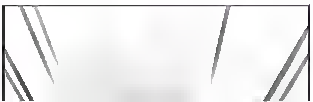
RUMBLE
BANG
?

WHAT IS THIS...?


FIGHTING NOISES...?

THEN I CAN'T MISS OUT ON THE BATTLE!
WOOSH

WOOS



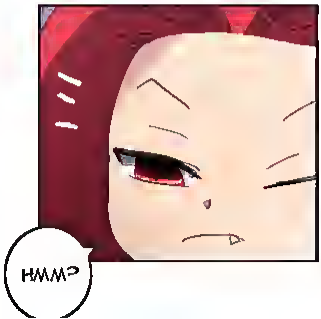
SOOSH

THUD

WOW!
THERE REALLY WAS A FIGHTING GOING ON!

WOOOSH

GOOD THING. I WAS BORED!
SNIKER
WATCHING A FIGHT NEVER GETS BORING.


HMM?

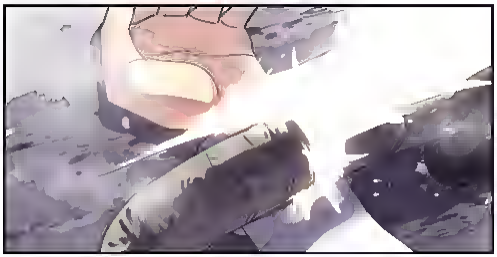
HUH...?
THAT'S THE EXORCIST!?

AND...
THAT ONE IS...

MINOTAURUS?!
GROWL

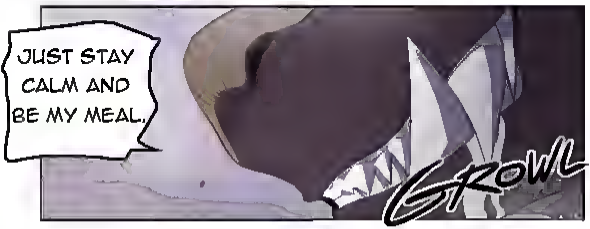
HO, IT'S BEEN A WHILE

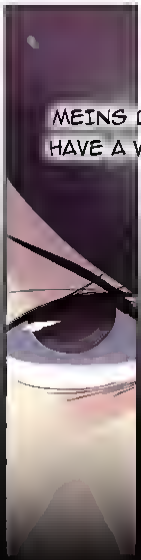
THIS IS GOING TO BE FUN!
GRIN

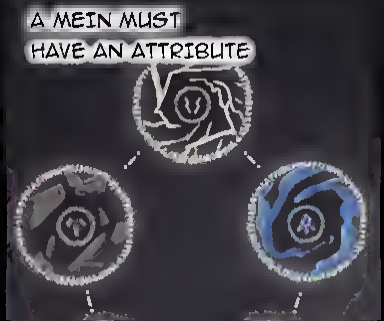


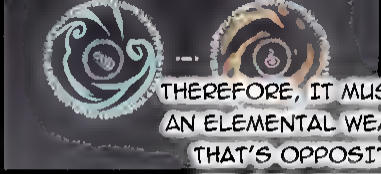
WOOOSH

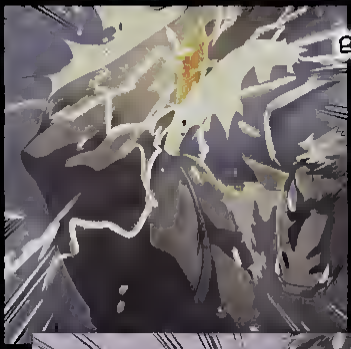
HAHAHAHA.
YOU'RE DOOMED.


JUST STAY CALM AND BE MY MEAL.
GROWL


MEINS DEFINITELY
HAVE A WEAKNESS...

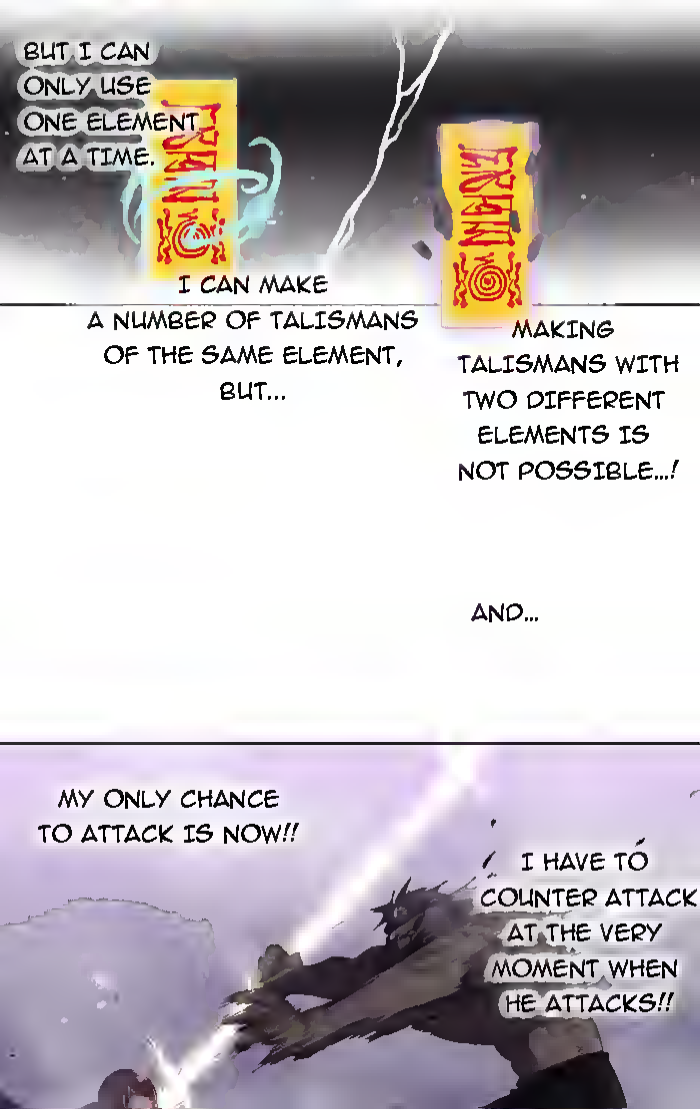

A MEIN MUST
HAVE AN ATTRIBUTE

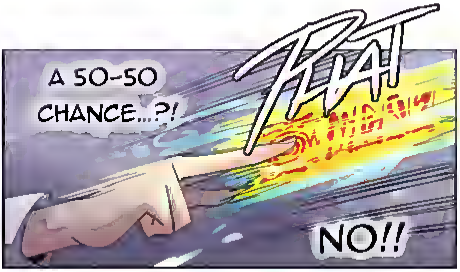

...
THEREFORE, IT MUST HAVE AN ELEMENTAL WEAKNESS THAT'S OPPOSITE OF ITS OWN ATTRIBUTE

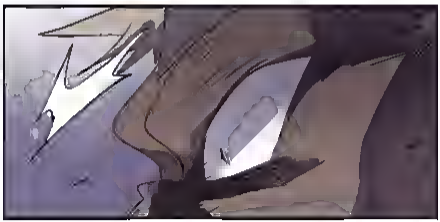

BUT...
ALL 3 ATTACKS SO FAR HAVE DONE ALMOST NO DAMAGE

IF THAT'S THE CASE...

ACCORDING TO THE RELATION BETWEEN ATTRIBUTIONS... THAT MEIN'S "BODY" IS...
NOT WATER, FIRE, OR WIND.
LIGHTNING OR EARTH. IT'S GOT TO BE ONE OF THOSE TWO.

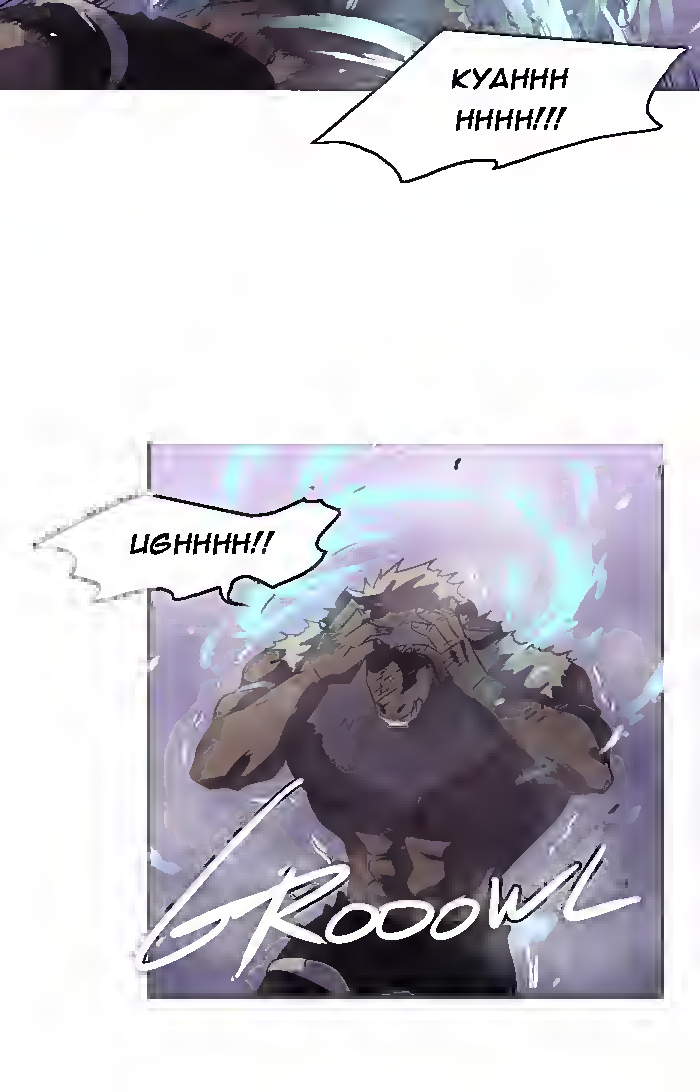

BUT I CAN ONLY USE ONE ELEMENT AT A TIME.
I CAN MAKE A NUMBER OF TALISMANS OF THE SAME ELEMENT, BUT...
MAKING TALISMANS WITH TWO DIFFERENT ELEMENTS IS NOT POSSIBLE...!
AND...
MY ONLY CHANCE TO ATTACK IS NOW!!
I HAVE TO COUNTER ATTACK AT THE VERY MOMENT WHEN HE ATTACKS!!


A 50-50 CHANCE...?!
FLAT
NO!!



THIS IS YOUR WEAKNESS FOR SURE...!!
FLING
WIND BLAST

GUST GUST GUST


KYAHHH
HHHH!!!
UGHHHH!!
GROOOWL

OF COURSE...
FLINCH

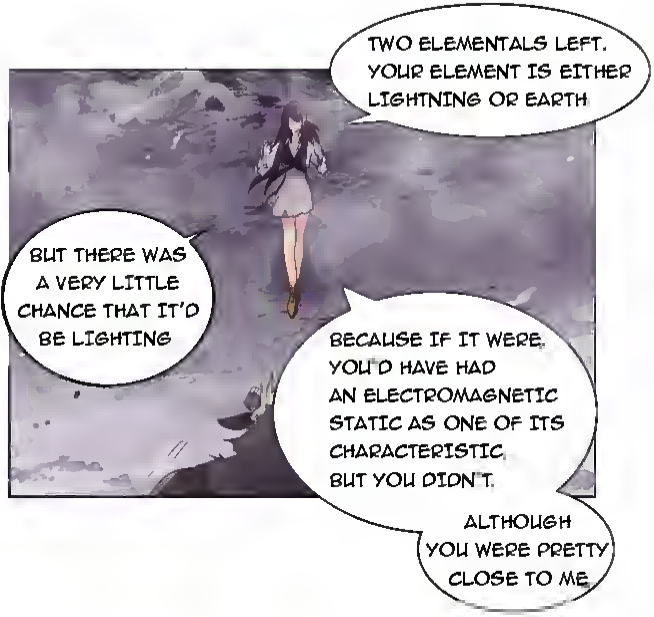
THAT
THAT
THAT

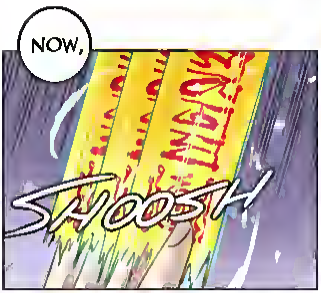
GUST
GUST
GUST
GUST
GUST
GUST

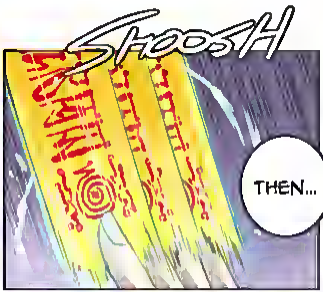
GOTCHA... YOUR WEAKNESS.

SEEING THAT YOU'RE WEAK AGAINST WIND...
YOU ARE OF THE EARTH ELEMENT.

DAMN...!
SHE GOT IT!!

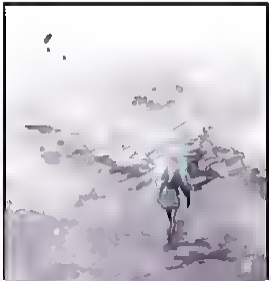

TWO ELEMENTALS LEFT. YOUR ELEMENT IS EITHER LIGHTNING OR EARTH
BUT THERE WAS A VERY LITTLE CHANCE THAT IT'D BE LIGHTING
BECAUSE IF IT WERE, YOU'D HAVE HAD AN ELECTROMAGNETIC STATIC AS ONE OF ITS CHARACTERISTIC. BUT YOU DIDN'T.
ALTHOUGH YOU WERE PRETTY CLOSE TO ME.


NOW,
SHOOSH

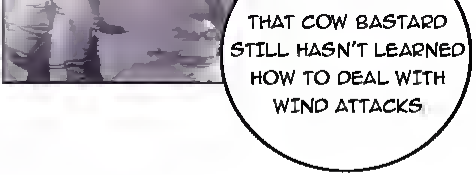

SHOOSH
THEN...

I'LL FIGHT FOR REALS, TOO.
SIX WIND BLASTS

...DAMN!



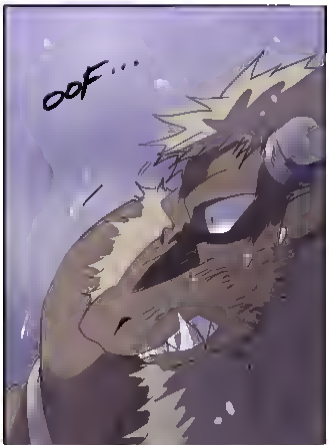
AW~
MAN~ IT'S
OVER
ALREADY?


THAT COW BASTARD STILL HASN'T LEARNED HOW TO DEAL WITH WIND ATTACKS

ENDING THE FIGHT LIKE THIS LEAVES A BITTER TASTE...
EMM~

OH, SHOULD I DO THAT?

WOOOSH


OOF...

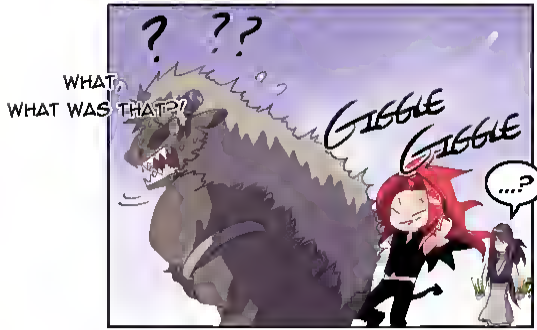
RIP.

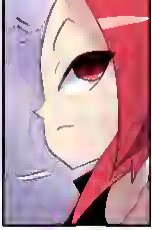
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
SNEAKILY

PEEK-
A-
BOO!
STARTLED

KYAHH!!

SWISH


? ??
WHAT, WHAT WAS THAT??
GIGGLE GIGGLE
...?



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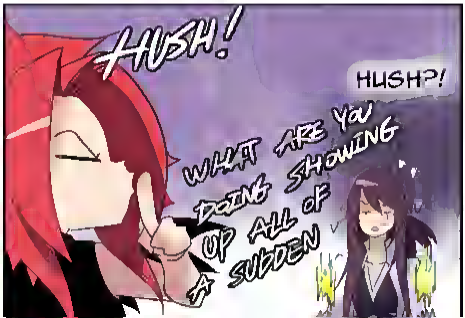
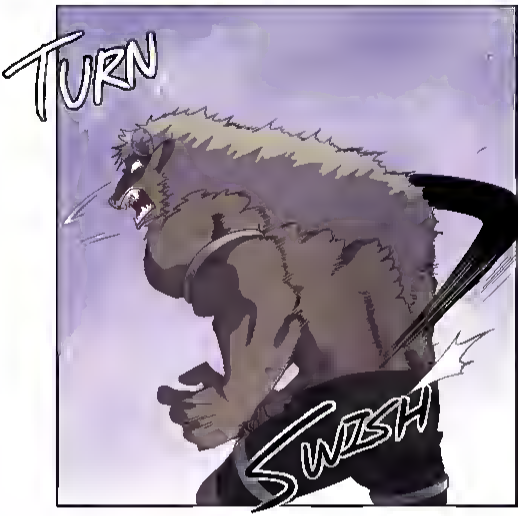
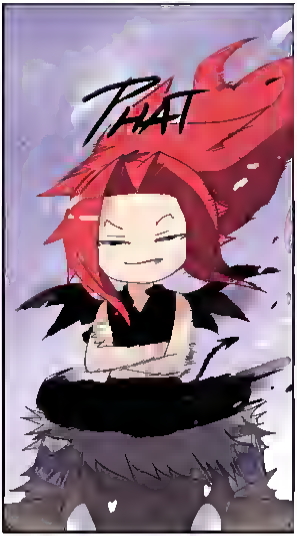

HUSH!
HUSH?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING SHOWING UP ALL OF A SUDDEN


TURN
SWISH

SWISH

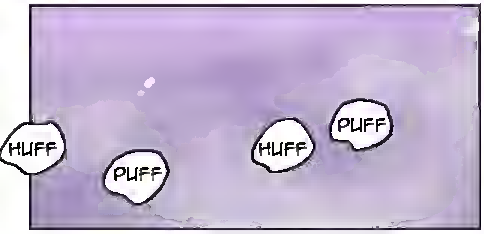
SWISH


PHAT

OH, YOU'VE GOT SUCH A NICE VIEW UP HERE~

LEAP
OW!
GET OFF!!

KYAHHH~!
NO WAY YOU CAN CAPTURE ME! YOU LITTLE CRAP!!
SWISH
SWISH
AHH!
AHHH!
SWISH
SWISH
SWISH
SWISH
HE'S TOO FAST TO SEE WITH THE NAKED EYES...


HUFF
PUFF
HUFF
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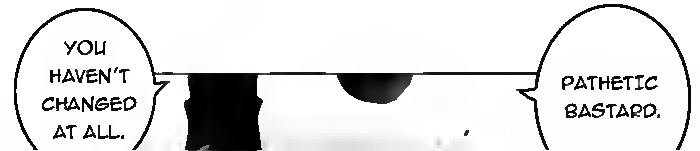
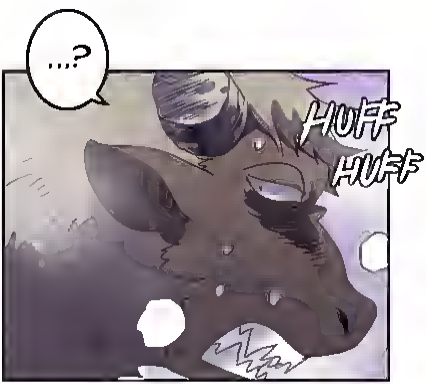
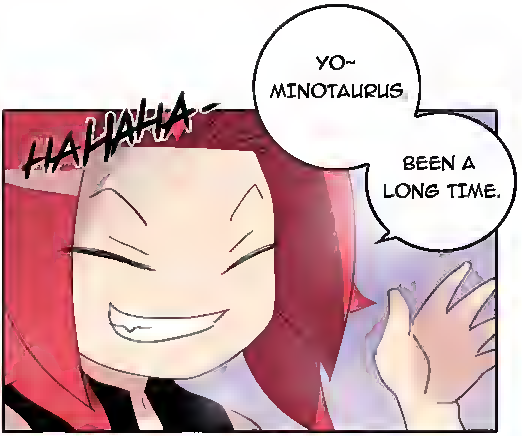
STOP... I SURRENDER, I SURRENDER!!
HUFF
HUFF
BORING, YOU GIVE UP ALREADY?!

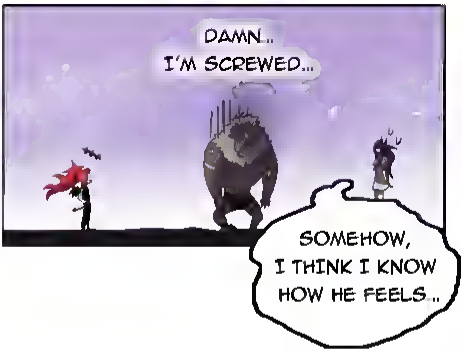

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL.
PATHETIC BASTARD.

TAP..


...?
HUFF
HUFF

SIR
M...MEPHISTO?!!


YO~
MINOTAURUS.
BEEN A
LONG TIME.
HAHAHA~


DAMN...
I'M SCREWED...
SOMEHOW, I THINK I KNOW HOW HE FEELS...

SOUL CARTEL
To be continued

LINE Webtoon

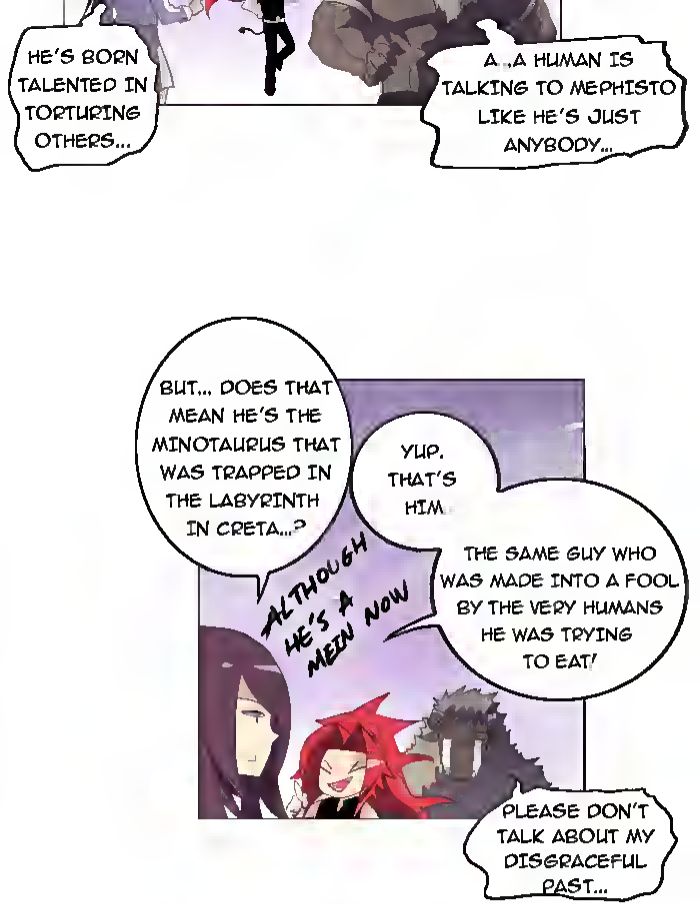
WOW~
WHAT A PLACE TO RUN INTO YOU.

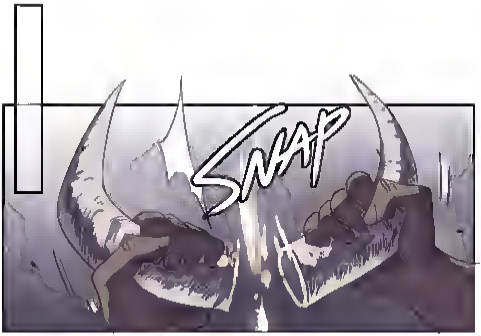
YO~
MINOTAURUS.
YE...YES,
SIR
MEPHISTO.

...?
CONFUSED

AREN'T YOU GLAD TO SEE ME? RIGHT?
YOU LITTLE CALF TWERP!
POW POW
POW
OH... THAT HURT.
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HE DOING...?

HEY, MEPHISTO.
DO YOU KNOW THIS GUY?
OH, YEAH. THIS LITTLE TWERP IS MINOTAURUS.
BESIDES THE FACT THAT HE'S DURABLE, HE'S JUST A BIG PILE OF MEAT.
HE'S PERFECT TO HIT!


HE'S BORN TALENTED IN TORTURING OTHERS...
A..A HUMAN IS TALKING TO MEPHISTO LIKE HE'S JUST ANYBODY...
BUT... DOES THAT MEAN HE'S THE MINOTAURUS THAT WAS TRAPPED IN THE LABYRINTH IN CRETA...?
YUP. THAT'S HIM.
ALTHOUGH HE'S A MEIN NOW
THE SAME GUY WHO WAS MADE INTO A FOOL BY THE VERY HUMANS HE WAS TRYING TO EAT!
PLEASE DON'T TALK ABOUT MY DISGRACEFUL PAST...


SNAP

SQUEAK
SQUEAK

BY THE WAY...
IF YOU HADN'T GOTTEN IN THE WAY EARLIER, I COULD HAVE WON THE BATTLE...
PUSH
WHAT?!
HMMM... IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK...?
STARTLED
WHO DO YOU THINK IT THE REAL ONE..

SNICKER
THAT I SAVED...?

SOUL CARTEL

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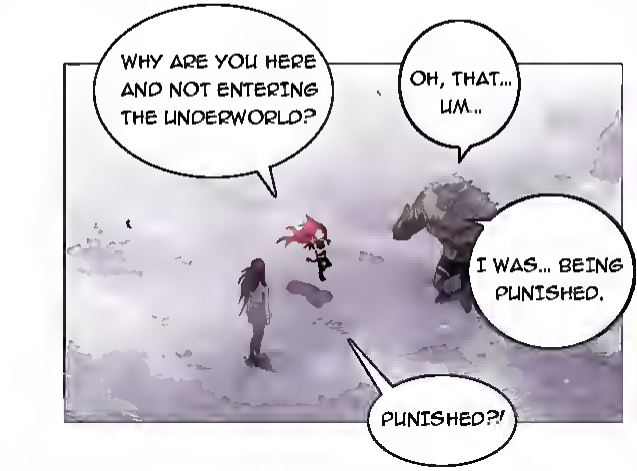
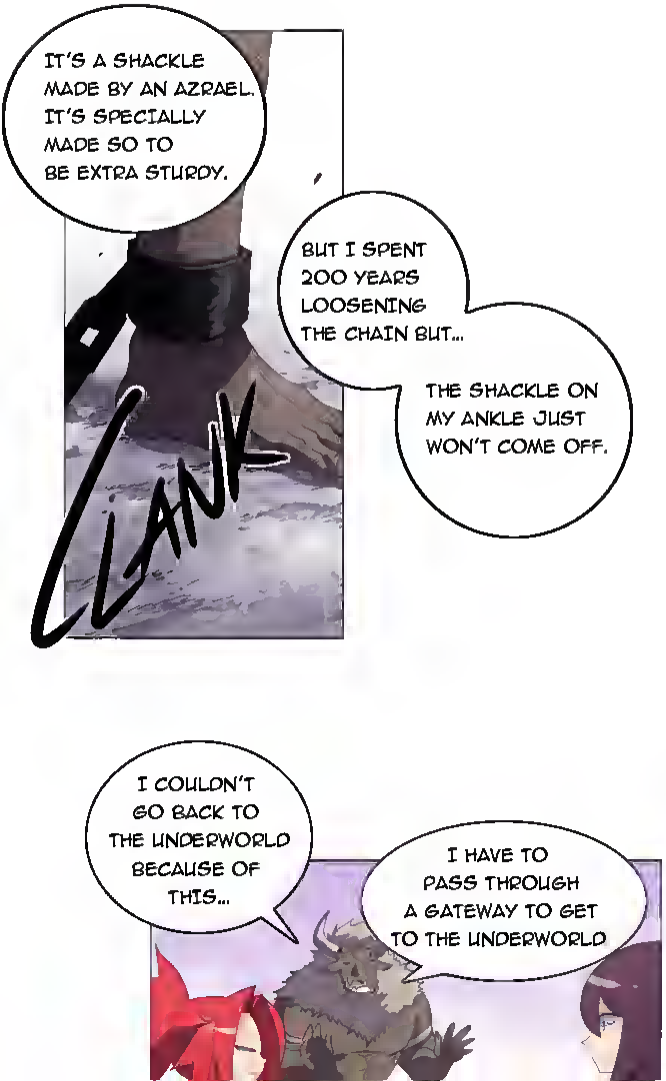

WHY ARE YOU HERE AND NOT ENTERING THE UNDERWORLD?
OH, THAT... UM...
I WAS... BEING PUNISHED.
PUNISHED?!

I ACCIDENTALLY KILLED SOME AZRAEL MINIONS...
I SEE, YOU MESSED AROUND WITH ANGELS.
NO WONDER WHY I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR A FEW HUNDRED YEARS.
OH, SO THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE THAT SHACKLE...


IT'S A SHACKLE MADE BY AN AZRAEL. IT'S SPECIALLY MADE SO TO BE EXTRA STURDY.
BUT I SPENT 200 YEARS LOOSENING THE CHAIN BUT...
THE SHACKLE ON MY ANKLE JUST WON'T COME OFF.
CLANK
I COULDN'T GO BACK TO THE UNDERWORLD BECAUSE OF THIS...
I HAVE TO PASS THROUGH A GATEWAY TO GET TO THE UNDERWORLD

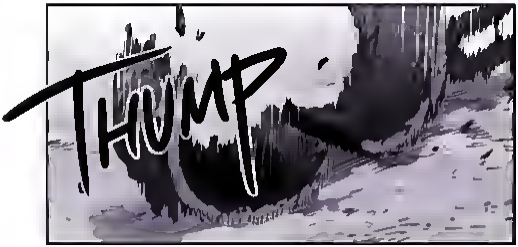
BUT EVERY TIME I TRY TO GO THROUGH THE GATEWAY, THIS SHACKLE WON'T LET ME...
CLINK

...HUH?
SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING JUST...

THIS?!
CLANK
SQUEALL

HOW...DID YOU...?!!
QUIVER

FLUTTER
FLUTTER
I JUST PULLED IT HARD AND IT CAME OFF
...

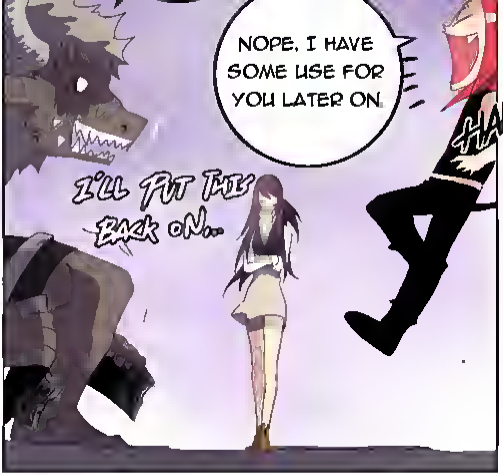

THUMP

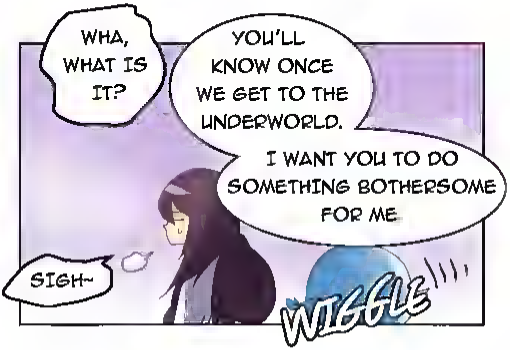
YOU'RE GOOD NOW, RIGHT?
IT WAS NOTHING
OH, YES...
THA, THANK...

NOW, YOU SHOULD PAY ME, RIGHT?
KEKEKEKE
NOTHING IS FREE FROM A DEMON.

EEK~
I KNEW THERE WAS A CATCH~

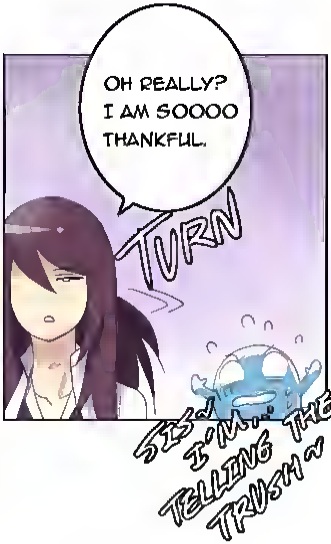
CAN'T...I JUST STAY HERE?


NOPE. I HAVE SOME USE FOR YOU LATER ON.
I'LL PUT THIS BACK ON...
HAHAHA

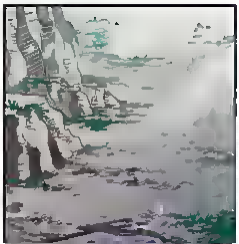

WHA, WHAT IS IT?
YOU'LL KNOW ONCE WE GET TO THE UNDERWORLD.
I WANT YOU TO DO SOMETHING BOTHERSOME FOR ME.
SIGH~
WIGGLE

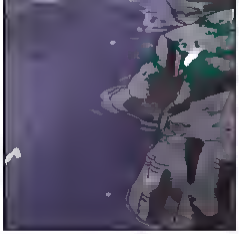
SIS~!
THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE OKAY!

I WAS SO WORRIED YOU MIGHT GET INJURED BY THAT BEASTLY THING..
AHAHAHA


OH REALLY? I AM SOOOO THANKFUL.
TURN
SIS~! I'M... TELLING THE TRUTH~

LOOKS LIKE THERE'S
ONE MORE THING
TO WORRY ABOUT...

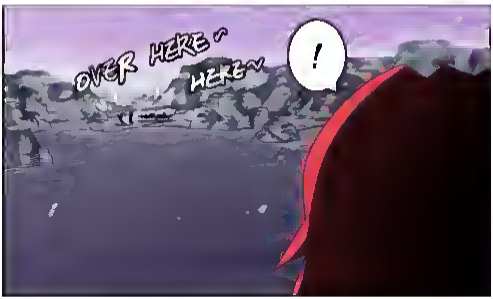




YAWN~
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE CARON LEFT...
WADDLE

HE SHOULD BE BACK SOON.
SPRING
AH!

I SEE A BOAT!


OVER HERE~
HERE~
!

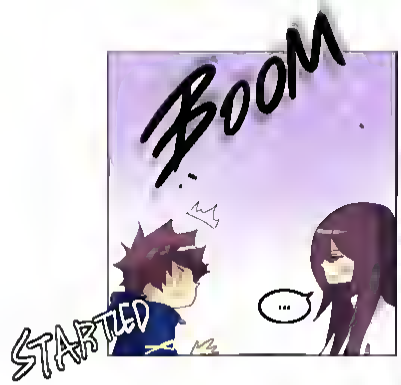
ALL RIGHT!
WE'RE FINALLY HERE!

CREAK

CREEEAK

SIS, MEPHISTO!
WELCOME!

NOTHING HAPPENED, RIGHT, SHIHOON?
OF COURSE ALL THE SOULS ARE FINE TOO!


BOOM
STARTLED
...

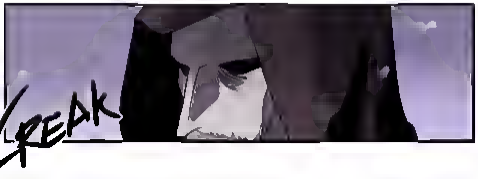
THUMP

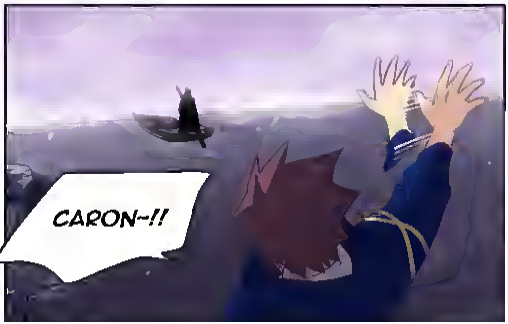
...WOAH! WHA,
WHAT IS THAT!!

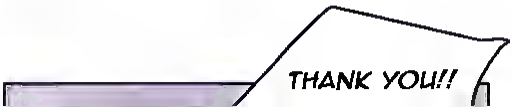
HE'S HUGEEEE!!!
GRRRRRRR

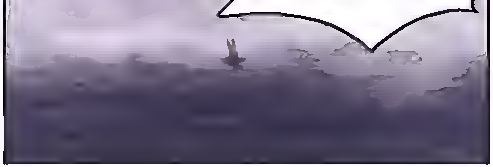
CREEEAK

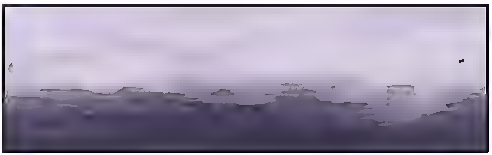
CREAK
CREAK


CREAK


CARON-!!


THANK YOU!!





HE'S
GONE...

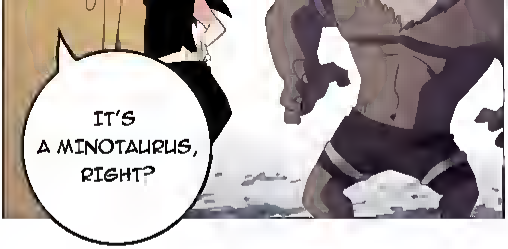
FAUST WAS RIGHT.
CARON REALLY IS THE BEST BOATSMAN IN THE UNDERWORLD.
...YUP.

FLUTTER

HEY, FAUST!
DID YOU HAVE FUN WHILE WAITING FOR ME?
KEKEKEKE

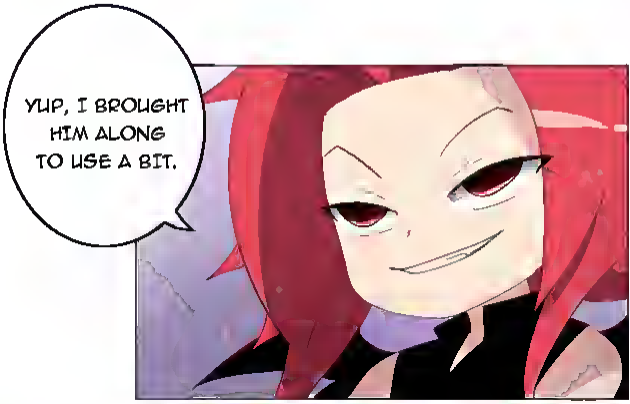
THE ONE WHO WAITED WAS YOU, NOT ME.
FOR 500 YEARS.
ARGH~ YOU LITTLE TURD!
ALSO...

DID YOU BRING THAT THING ALONG, MEPHISTO?
T...THAT THING~?!!


IT'S A MINOTAURUS, RIGHT?

OH, I SEE~
YOU MUST BE THAT LITTLE TURD SIR MEPHISTO WAS TALKING ABOUT..."
Arrgh!
UH-HUH! THE BEST IN THE WORLD!!

MINOTAURUS?!
THEN, ARE WE GOING ALONG TOGETHER?
OH, SHIHOON, DO YOU KNOW THIS CALF AS WELL?


YUP, I BROUGHT HIM ALONG TO USE A BIT.

KAKAKAKA
STARTLE

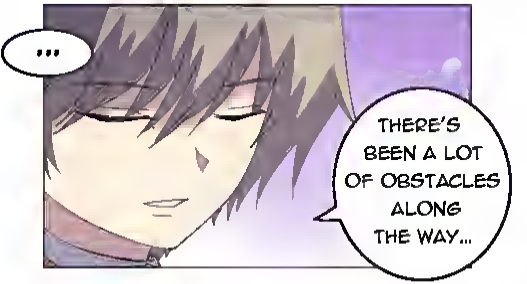
POOR THING...

HYEA!
HYEA!
GRIP
HYEA!
HURRY UP, HURRY!
AHHHH~

...
HYEA!

HA
AHH~
SUCH BAD LUCK... TO RUN INTO MEPHISTO.

ANYWAYS, ARE WE STILL FAR FROM THE ENTRANCE...?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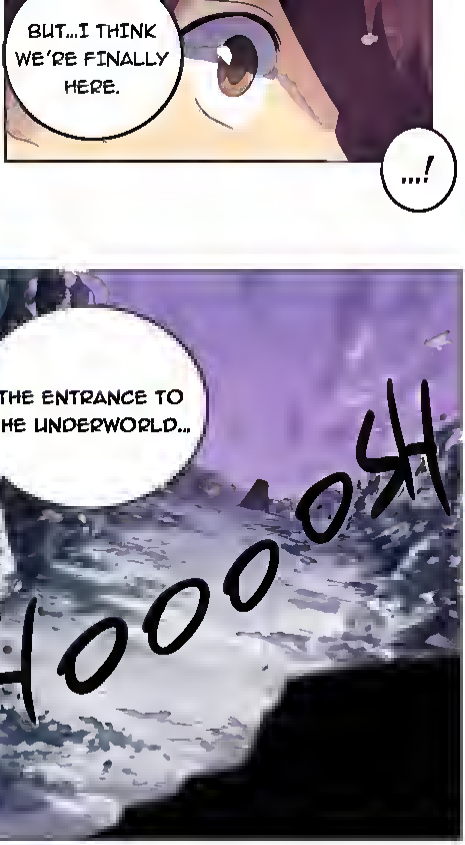
THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF OBSTACLES ALONG THE WAY...


BUT...I THINK WE'RE FINALLY HERE.
...!
THE ENTRANCE TO THE UNDERWORLD...
WHOOOOOSH

AHH!!
I CAN SEE THE GATEWAY!!

ALL RIGHT, SHIHOON! IT'S A RACE!!
WHAT?!

A RACE TO THE ENTRANCE WITH THE MINOTAURUS!
THE LOSER HAS TO FIGHT AGAINST ME!

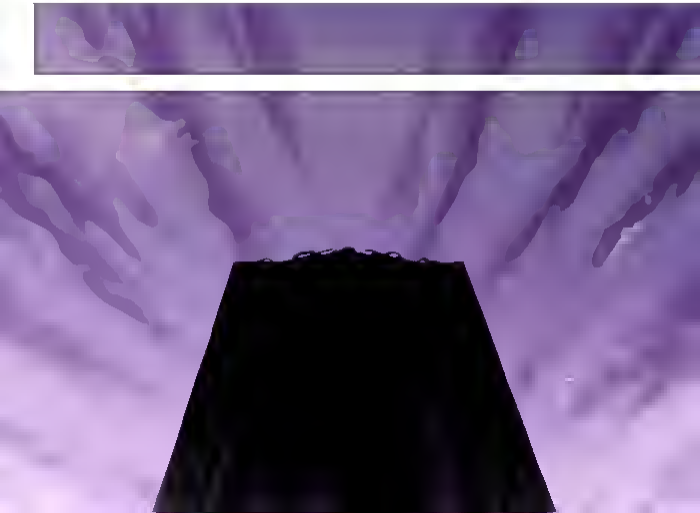
UGH~
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT!! THAT'S JUST FOR YOUR PLEASURE...!!
READY, SET...!!
HUH?! SIR MEPHISTO! HOLD ON...

GO!!

DA DA
DA
DA
DA

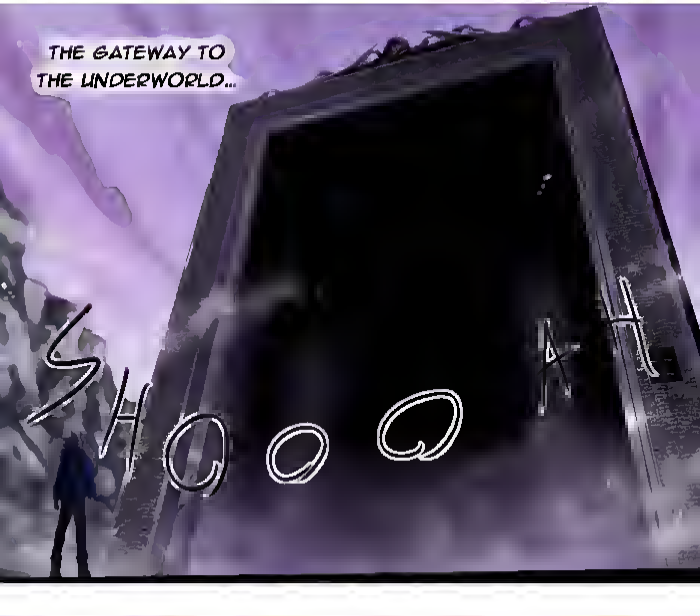
VROO-
OOM

...IT'S THE FESTIVAL OF IDIOTS...
...



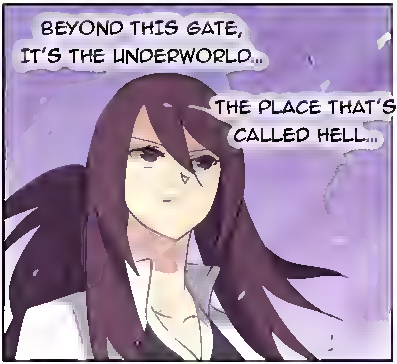
CMON- YOU SLOW LITTLE CALF TURD!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

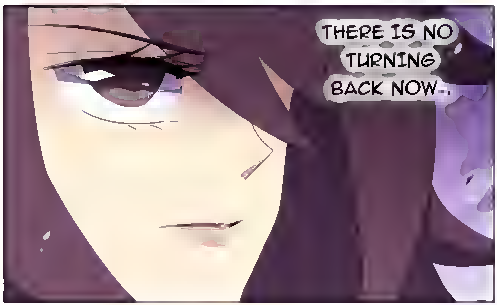
HUFF
...
...SO THIS DOOR IS

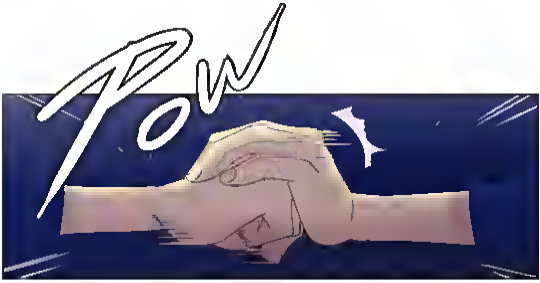

THE GATEWAY TO THE UNDERWORLD...
SHOOH

FINALLY...
STEP

WE ARE HERE.
SIS.


BEYOND THIS GATE,
IT'S THE UNDERWORLD...
THE PLACE THAT'S
CALLED HELL...


THERE IS NO
TURNING
BACK NOW..


Pow

NOW THEN,
LET'S GO THROUGH!

BUT HOW DO WE OPEN UP THIS GATEWAY...?
IS THERE ANYONE THERE..?

PLOP

WHOOOOSH
?!!

WELCOME, EVERYBODY.

WELCOME TO
GATEWAY
NUMBER 124

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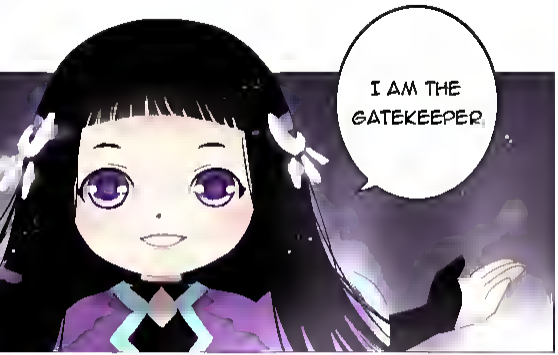
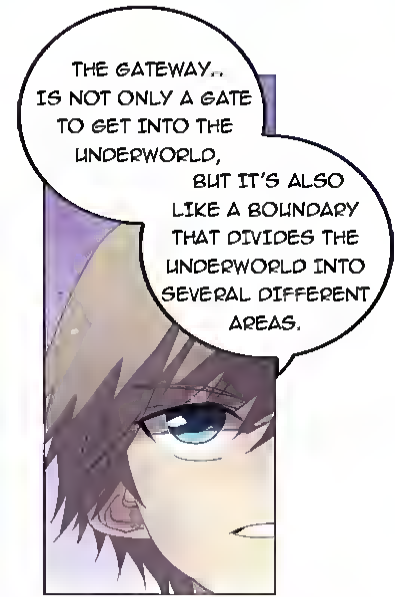
WELCOME
TO THOSE WHO HAVE COME TO GATEWAY 124.
SHOOO


I AM THE GATEKEEPER.

A . LITTLE GIRL APPEARED..
SMACK
SPLAT

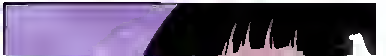
SO THEN. WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS GATE, RIGHT?
YUP

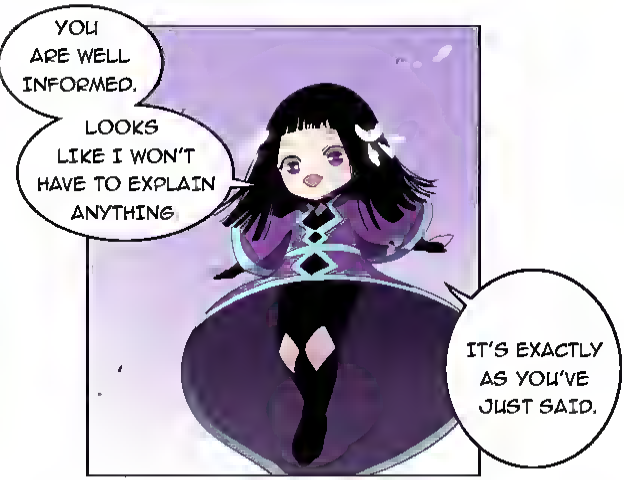

THE GATEWAY.. IS NOT ONLY A GATE TO GET INTO THE UNDERWORLD,
BUT IT'S ALSO LIKE A BOUNDARY THAT DIVIDES THE UNDERWORLD INTO SEVERAL DIFFERENT AREAS.

THERE ARE MANY GATEWAYS HERE AND THERE IN THE UNDERWORLD.
AND EVERY GATEWAY HAS A RIDDLE OR TEST TO PASS.
YOU CAN PASS THROUGH THE GATEWAY ONLY IF YOU PASS THE TEST.
RIDDLE? TEST?
IS IT HARD?
IT DIFFERS FROM EACH GATEWAY. IT CAN BE HARD OR IT CAN BE EASY.

AND THE LOCATION AND THE TEST OF EACH GATEWAY MAY CHANGE NOW AND THEN.
SO, THERE IS NO WAY OF KNOWING WHETHER IT'S A RIDDLE OR A TEST.

BECAUSE NOTHING IS COMPLETELY SET IN THE UNDERWORLD.




YOU ARE WELL INFORMED.
LOOKS LIKE I WON'T HAVE TO EXPLAIN ANYTHING
IT'S EXACTLY AS YOU'VE JUST SAID.

THIS IS THE GATEWAY TO THE UNDERWORLD.
GOOD JOB GETTING HERE, EVERYONE.

THEN...
THE CONTRACT WILL BE UNDERWAY.

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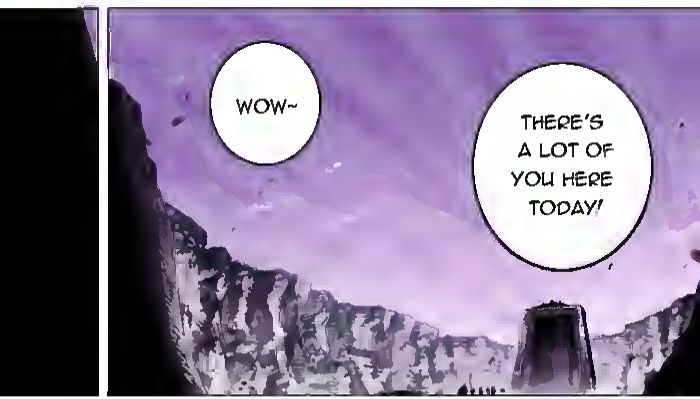
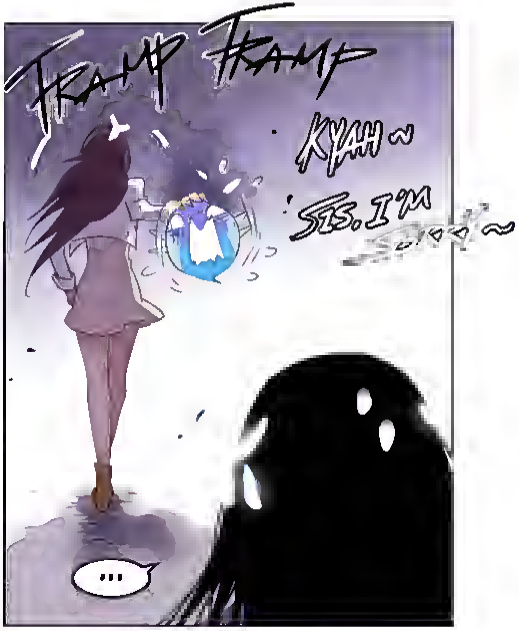

WOW~
THERE'S A LOT OF YOU HERE TODAY!

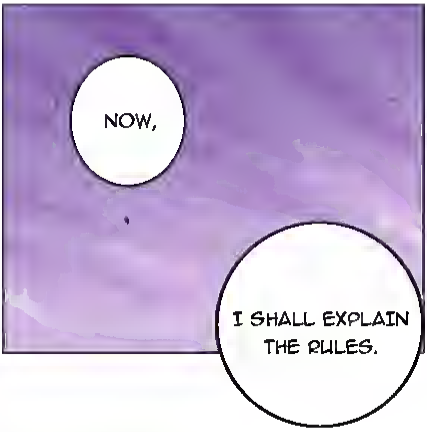
AND IT LOOKS LIKE SIR MEPHISTO IS WITH YOU, TOO.
YUP, HI.

OH!

HEY, CUTE LITTLE LADY~
YOU MUST BE BORED HERE ALL BY YOURSELF.. HOW WOULD YOU FEEL ABOUT A SOUL LIKE MYSELF~?
HE HE..
H..HEY

GRAP

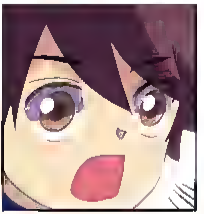

TRAMP TRAMP
KYAH~
SIS. I'M
...

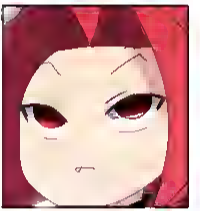

NOW,
I SHALL EXPLAIN THE RULES.

YOU ARE ALL VERY LUCKY.

THIS IS A E-LEVEL GATEWAY, ONE OF THE EASIEST LEVEL.

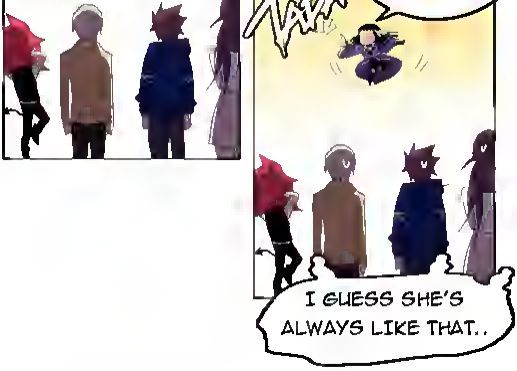
GATEWAY 124 IS A PLACE YOU CAN EASILY PASS THROUGH!!
YAY

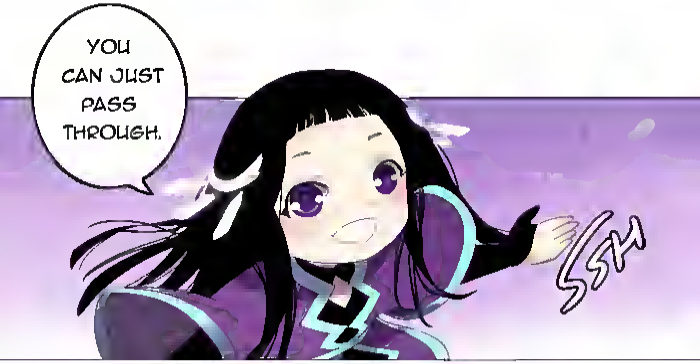




Beam~

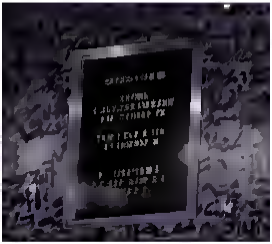
THERE IS NO SPECIAL TEST HERE!

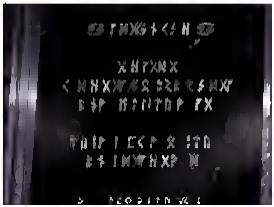

I GUESS SHE'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT..

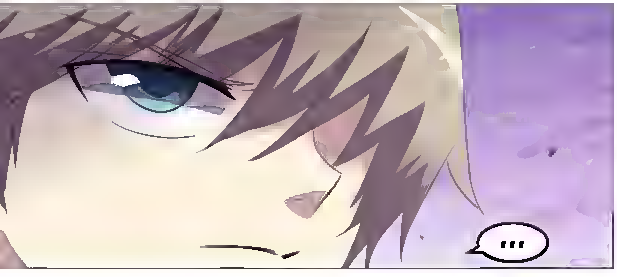

YOU CAN JUST PASS THROUGH.
SSH

PLEASE WAIT BY THE ENTRANCE IN A SINGLE FILE LINE ONE BY ONE
IS THAT REALLY IT?
OF COURSE

SCRATCH
HAHA, I WAS NERVOUS THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE DIFFICULT..
IT'S NOTHING AFTER ALL







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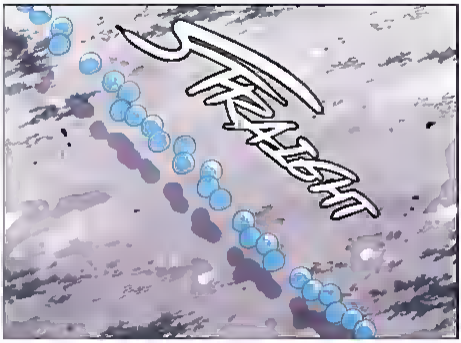
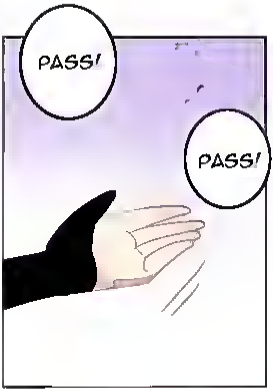
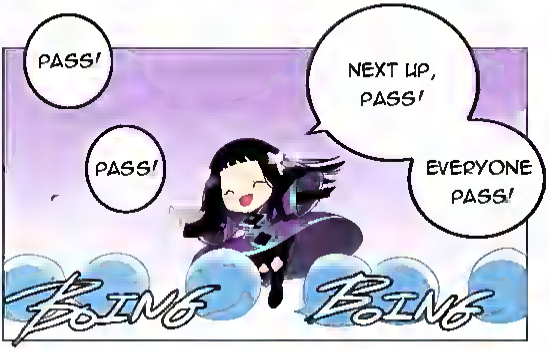
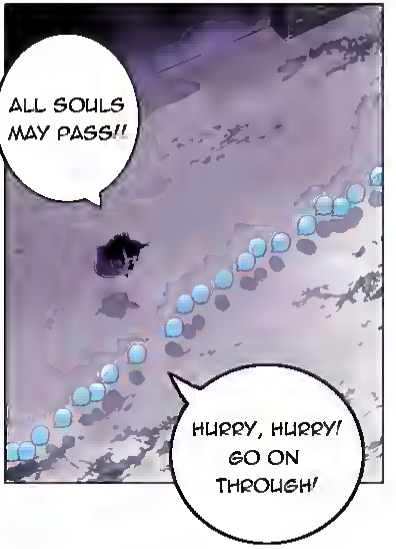

STRAIGHT


PASS!
PASS!


PASS!
PASS!
NEXT UP, PASS!
EVERYONE PASS!
BOING
BOING


ALL SOULS MAY PASS!!
HURRY, HURRY! GO ON THROUGH!

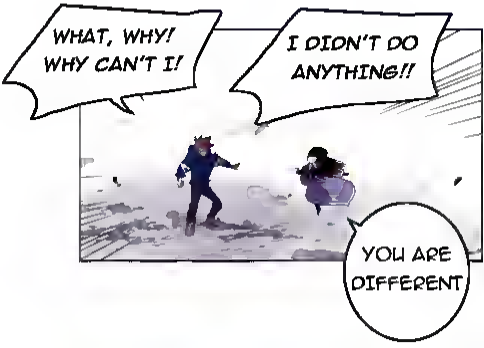
THE CALF MAY PASS AS WELL.
I'M NOT A CALF...

WILL YOU BE GOING THROUGH WITH THE SOULS, SIR MEPHISTO?
YUP.
YOU CAN PASS THROUGH ANY GATEWAY YOU WANT.
BECAUSE YOU'RE A DEMON.
HOW BOTHERSOME
YEAH, BUT I'VE GOTTA WAIT BECAUSE OF MY EXTRA "BAGGAGES."

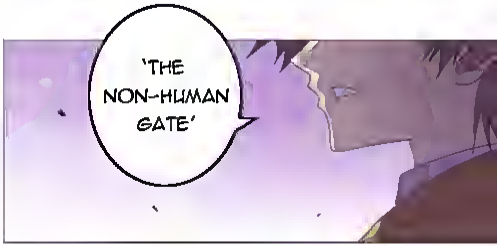
TRAMP
HOLD ON

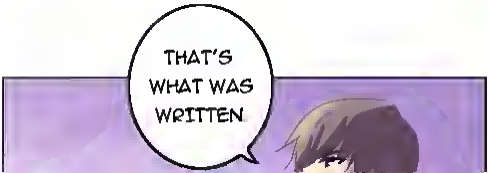
STOP RIGHT THERE.
YOU MAY NOT PASS THROUGH

HUH..?

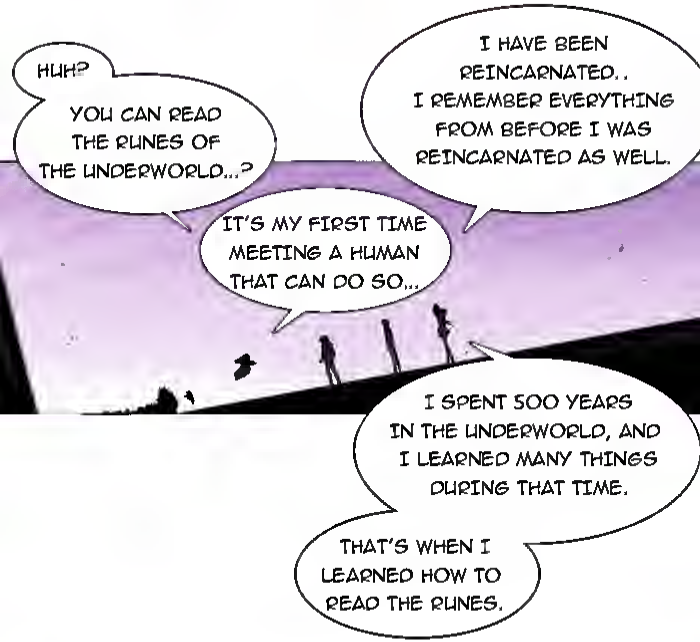

WHAT, WHY! WHY CAN'T I!
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!!
YOU ARE DIFFERENT

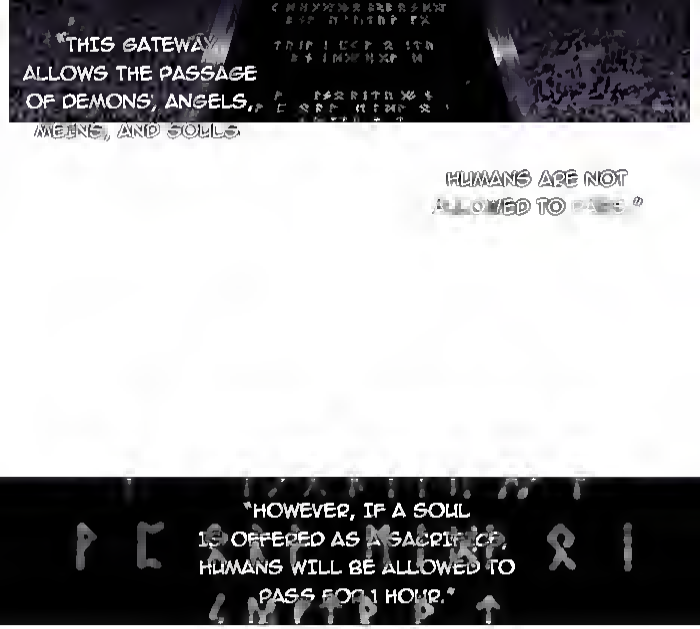
BECAUSE
YOU ARE HUMAN


'THE NON-HUMAN GATE'


THAT'S WHAT WAS WRITTEN

ON THE GATE


HUH?
YOU CAN READ THE RUNES OF THE UNDERWORLD...?
I HAVE BEEN REINCARNATED.. I REMEMBER EVERYTHING FROM BEFORE I WAS REINCARNATED AS WELL.
IT'S MY FIRST TIME MEETING A HUMAN THAT CAN DO SO...
I SPENT 500 YEARS IN THE UNDERWORLD, AND I LEARNED MANY THINGS DURING THAT TIME.
THAT'S WHEN I LEARNED HOW TO READ THE RUNES.


"THIS GATEWAY ALLOWS THE PASSAGE OF DEMONS, ANGELS, BEINGS, AND SOULS.
HUMANS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PASS."
"HOWEVER, IF A SOUL IS OFFERED AS A SACRIFICE, HUMANS WILL BE ALLOWED TO PASS FOR 1 HOUR."

THAT'S WHAT IS WRITTEN.
YES. THAT IS CORRECT.

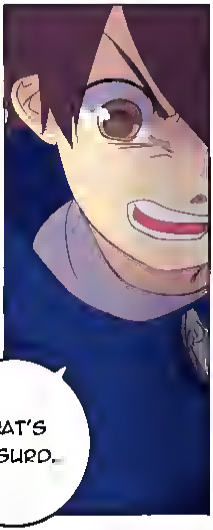
SO THAT IS WHY THIS GATEWAY IS ALSO CALLED.

THE
"SOUL OFFERING
GATEWAY."

SOUL OFFERING GATEWAY?!

IF WE WANT TO PASS THROUGH THE GATEWAY...
WE HAVE TO OFFER A SOUL...?!

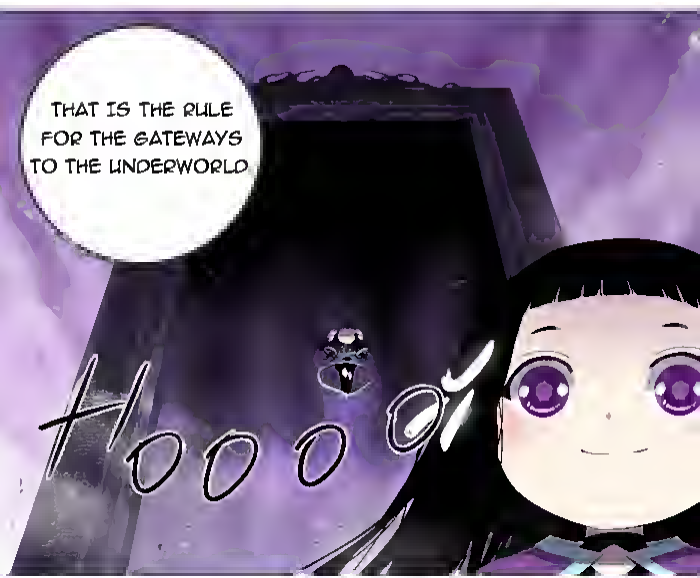
YOU MEAN, FOR US TO PASS,
WE MUST SACRIFICE A SOUL?!

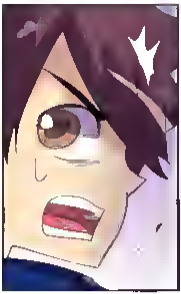

THAT'S ABSURD.

THAT WILL NOT HAPPEN...!
CLENCH

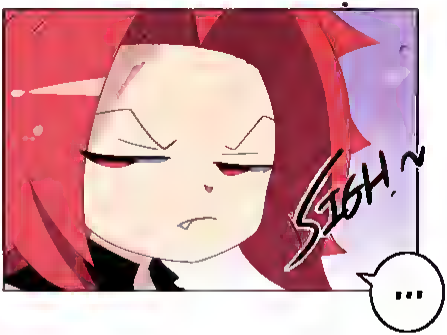
LET'S JUST GO TO A DIFFERENT GATEWAY!!
THERE HAS TO BE ANOTHER ONE, RIGHT?!
TURN
IT'S... NOT THAT SIMPLE
WE CAN'T GO TO ANOTHER GATEWAY.

WE MUST GET THROUGH HERE.
IF YOU GIVE UP A GATE ONCE...
YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PASS ANY GATEWAY FOR 100 YEARS.


THAT IS THE RULE FOR THE GATEWAYS TO THE UNDERWORLD
Hoooo



HOW CAN
THAT BE


SIGH~
...

C'MON, STOP PISSING ME OFF!!
WHY ARE YOU STALLING FOR SOMETHING SO SIMPLE?!!

ALL WE'VE GOTTA DO IS SACRIFICE ONE OF THEM!
WE'VE GOT SO MANY SOULS HERE!!

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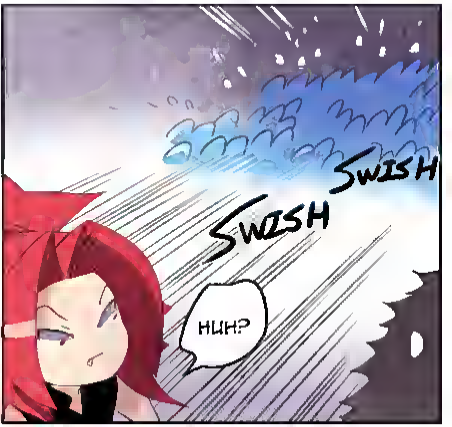
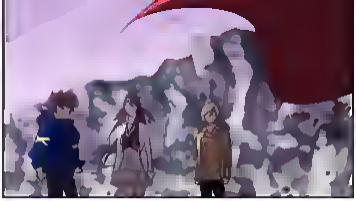

SWISH
SWISH
HUH?

THOSE LITTLE..!
THEY ONLY MOVE THEIR ASSES FAST AT TIMES LIKE THESE!
I KNOW YOU'VE GOT NOWHERE TO GO ANYWAY!



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